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UN Council Approves Use Of Force for **Bosnia Aid**

But Cautious Resolution Includes No Provision To Deploy Troops Soon

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches UNITED NATIONS, New York - The Security Council on Thursday authorized the use of force, if necessary, to ensure the delivery of humanitarian and to beleaguered inhabitants

of Bosnia-Herzegovina. The vote in the 15-nation council was 12 to 0, with 3 abstentions — by China, India and

and the later The council then unanimously adopted a second resolution demanding unimpeded access for the Red Cross to prison camps and detention centers throughout the former Yugo-slavia. It warns violators of the Geneva Conventions that they are individually responsible for their actions, though no international legal

machinery exists for trying them.

Both resolutions, initiated by the United States, were co-sponsored by Britain, France, Belgium and Russia. They were spurred by mounting reports of death, atrocines and hundred transfer of the state of t ger in Bosnia, where Serbian militias are batthing the government's mainly Muslim and Croat forces and driving out non-Serbs as part

of so-called ethnic cleansing.
Bosnia-Herzegovina earlier this year broke away from the crumbling Yugoslav federation, now made up only of the republics of Serbia

The key council resolution demands that all arties to the conflict cease all military activity in Bosnia-Herzegovina and invokes the manda-tory provisions of the UN Charter, opening the way for use of force in the event of noncompli-

The resolution calls on all countries to take

A Sarajevo Sniper Kills U.S. TV News Producer Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina sniper killed a news producer for ABC Televi-sion on Thursday, firing at a convoy taking Milan Panic, the prime minister of what re-mains of Yngoslavia, into central Sarajevo. Mr. Penic, who was in a UN armored But David Kaplan, 45, in an accompanying

vehicle that lacked armor plating, was bit in the back and died at the UN headquarters. Mr. Kaplan was working with the ABC reporter Sam Donaldson to film a day in the life of Mr. Panic, a Serb who immigrated to the United States in the 1950s and made a fortune in business. He returned here a month ago after being named prime minister and vowed to end the civil war.

"No one knows who did the shooting," Mr. Donaldson said in a news broadcast. I guess it was just a random shot."

Mr. Kaplan declined a flak jacket even

though the convoy was to pass along a stretch known as "Snipers' Alley." (Reuters, AP)

"all measures necessary" to facilitate, in coordi-nation with the United Nations, the delivery by humanitarian organizations of emergency aid to Sarajevo and wherever needed in other parts of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

This is similar to the "all necessary means formula approved by the United Nations in November 1990 authorizing a U.S.-led coalition to evict invading Iraqi troops from Kuwait. But unlike the Security Council's go-ahead for "Desert Storm," the current resolution is aimed conly at humanitarian assistance and is far from permitting full-scale armed intervention. It remains unclear which countries might

olunteer military units to safeguard aid operations. Diplomats hope adoption of the resolu-tion would itself be enough to persuade Serbian militias not to interfere with the passage of bumanitarian convoys and that no large-scale military escort operation will prove necessary. Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali, in a letter to the council on Wednesday, warned that the security of 15,000 UN peacekeepers and other personnel in the former Yugoslavia could be jeopardized if military force actually is used. The letter, leaked to the press by council diplomats, asks for warning before force is used, to

minimize the dangers" to UN personnel. More than 600 flights have landed at Sarajevo airport in the last six weeks in an airlist organized by about 1,500 members of the UN Protection Force in Yugoslavia and the office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

in Geneva, meanwhile, reporting on visits to 12 detention camps run by Scrbs, Croats and Musims in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Interna-aloual Committee for the Red Cross said that combatants were engaged in "systematic use of brutality" and that innocent civilians were vic-

tims of "inhuman treatment." The Red Cross also called on all parties to end forced transfers of population, to respect prisoners and civilians and to disclose the loca-(Reuters, AP) order. tion of all detention camps.



Mr. Baker acknowledging an ovation from his staff on Thursday as he prepared to announce his departure for the White House.

Bush Appoints Baker As His Chief of Staff, New Agenda Pledged

International Herald Tribune
WASHINGTON -- President George Bush placed his future in the hands of James A.

Baker 3d on Thursday.

The president ended weeks of rumors when he announced that Mr. Baker, secretary of state since 1989, would resign Aug. 23 to run the White House and create a policy agenda to revive Mr. Bush's re-election campaign.

The No. 2 man at the State Department,
Deputy Secretary Lawrence S. Eagleburger,

was named acting secretary of state. Mr. Baker, a confidant of the president's for 35 years, will assume the titles of White House chief of staff and senior counselor to the president. In those roles, he will craft what he

described Thursday as a broad new agenda that will further "integrate" domestic and foreign policy goals and allow Mr. Bush to seek a mandate from U.S. voters in November. In a speech at the State Department, Mr. Baker joined Mr. Bush in enunciating a fresh campaign theme, "to make this country safe and strong at home and abroad." The president

declared that economic, domestic and foreign policies "have become one issue." Four other pivotal jobs in the White House, including those of deputy chief of staff and the directors of communications, policy planning and political affairs, will go to Mr. Baker's top

State Department aides, completing the most extensive personnel shakeup of the Bush presi-For many Republicans, the move was wel-

comed as a long-awaited shift toward new focus and aggressiveness in the Bush campaign, which lags behind the Democratic presidential candidacy of Governor Bill Clinton by at least 25 percentage points in the latest opinion sur-

veys.

Mr. Baker, 62, is a Houston lawyer and former Marine Corps lieutenant who is widely

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James Baker's legacy is a mix of major accom-plishments and failures in some crises. Lawrence Eagleburger believes the United States must stay fully engaged in world affairs.

considered to be more of an expert in pragmatic politics and deal-making than in finance or diplomacy, even though he served as treasury secretary and secretary of state.

It was Mr. Baker who engineered Mr. Bush's presidential election victory in 1988, helping the president overcome a 17-point deficit in the polls to Governor Michael S. Dukakis. But it was also Mr. Baker who directed the unsuccess ful campaign of President Gerald R. Ford in

Democrats criticized the announcement as an indication that Mr. Bush was incapable of charting his own course and questioned the president's willingness to risk disarray in his foreign policy apparatus at a time of instability

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As Republicans Ride Into Houston, the City Has Worries of Its Own

By Roberto Suro

New York Times Service HOUSTON — The official poster for the Republican National Convention features a ro-deo cowboy atop a huge bull with the Houston skyline in the background. A safe choice? Not in this city that has struggled with its identity for a decade and now, grappling with a series of setbacks, is in a grumpy mood as it prepares to host the president and his party.

The poster caused a tiff over whether the Wild West image is the right one for a major. city of the 1990s that is trying to energize its flat economy by portraying itself as a sophisticated international business center.

Like much of the nation, Houston is vexed by

prices in the 1980s. Large-scale layoffs by major employers regularly make headlines. The Houstonian Hotel, President George Bush's nominal

Texas residence, is in bankruptcy.

After several startling murders last year, the city dumped a 10-year incumbent mayor, Kathryn J. Whitmire, in favor of Bob Lanier, a inessman who campaigned almost exclusively on a promise to put more police officers

Even the weather has been demanding as record-setting rainfalls caused extensive winter and spring flooding and have continued into

The Republican convention is coming to a stubboth recession, but the downturn struck here just as the city was beginning to enjoy a my time in the city's recent history, including its wildcatting spirit, Houston is grappling with

color not only how the convention is received but also how the city votes in November," said Stephen L. Klineberg, a professor of sociology at Rice University here.

There are few signs that the general public is etting excited about the convention. Certainly there is little of the stir that accompanied the July 1990 economic summit meeting that turned into a civic celebration of the city's emergence from the oil bust.

"Folks are so distracted with their own concerns that what appears to be a very predictable convention is virtually irrelevant," said John Mixon, a law professor at the University of Houston. "I plan simply to avoid the traffic."

anxieties that began with short-term economic problems and extended into a general uneasiness about the future.

"Before it cratered, the petroleum industry drove this city, defined it, for such a long time that it'll be years before something else comes along to take its place as the thing that makes Houston unique," said Michel Halbouty, 83, and the city's senior independent oilman. Arguments over what image to project are

"There's lots of talk about the poster because plenty of Houstonians think the cowboy thing can be overplayed when we really need to be promoting ourselves as a sophisticated, international city," said Dancie Perugini Ware, a public relations executive.

The poster hubbub was elevated to the level

The Houston Chronicle derided "all the cringing" over the poster, and argued, "We aren't cowboys, but to say we have not inherited a strong Texas tradition is nonsense."

In what may be the most extensive tracking of any city's moods, Mr. Klineberg has conducted a poll in the Houston metropolitan area every year since 1982. This year's survey produced a statement of profound apprehe the city faced impredictable turns.

The oil industry, especially the exploration and production sectors, never completely rebounded from the bust, and domestic drilling is at a 30-year low.

Energy accounted for more than 60 percent See PARTY, Page 2

Germany, Eager but Wary, Looks to UN Council Seat

By Marc Fisher hington Post Servic

BERLIN — Germany, which has spent the last two years denying it wants a permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council, now says it is indeed interested but plans no

The sudden shift in policy has been reflected in painstakingly worded comments by Chancel-lor Helmut Kohl and Foreign Minister Klaus

It comes as the Bonn government is trying to navigate a safe path between its desire to play a greater role in world affairs and its knowledge that any move to expand its influence sets off alarms in European capitals and, to a lesser extent, in Washington.

The German attitude toward a place on the

council is further complicated by a domestic

sive and North Atlantic Treaty Organization

functions throughout the postwar era.

Some German officials believe the opposition Social Democratic Party, which supports a German seat on the Security Council but has resisted Mr. Kohl's attempts to include German troops in UN military missions, can be pulled toward compromise if Bonn gains a more decisive role at the United Nations. The new German position emerged this week

in a series of statements by Bonn officials. First, Mr. Kohl, who previously had called a Security Council seat "no issue" and "no priority," said on national television that if the United Nations was reorganized, Germany would be interested in joining the five permanent Security Council members: Britain, China, France, Rus sia and the United States.

Although Mr. Kohl said Bonn did not plan

dispute over expanding the use of Germany's armed forces, which have been limited to defen-See SEAT, Page 2 Getting By in Mogadishu:

By Keith B. Richburg Washington Past Service

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Before Somalia slid into chaos, Abdi Mohammond Afrah had never picked up a gun. A slender, soft-spoken 33-year-old, Mr. Afrah would have been considered a member of the capital's educated elite — a fluent English speaker, former teacher, translator and clerk for several big foreign com-

Now Mr. Afrah totes an antomatic weapon as a security guard for a U.S.-financed relief agency. He is one of a multitude of Somalis many relatively well-off before the civil war who are struggling to eke out a living in the ruins of a city without any semblance of law or

Considering the irony of his transformation, Mr. Afrah smiled and said, "Now the teacher

Mr. Afrah's story in many ways reflects the turbulent turns of Somalia's recent history, beeinning in late 1990, when the civil war first

As rebels of the United Somali Congress closed in for the final blow against Mohammed Siad Barre's government, Mr. Afrab sent his family away and hid in his house for 11 days,

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LOOKING TOWARD CHANGE - Tibetan children with their mother at an annual gathering of Tibetan nomadic peoples in western China. The Chinese authorities have announced major changes designed to open Tibet to the outside world. Page 2.

'Now Teacher Has a Gun' "Right now there are no jobs in the country," he said. "I never in my life carried a gun; then I got this job."

ached the capital.

Pretoria Accepts UN Plan

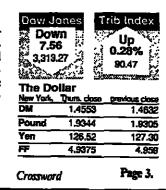
PRETORIA (WP) — South Africa on Thursday accepted a UN proposal for an independent investigation of government security forces and their possible complicity in violence in black townships. and said it was ready to endorse an amnesty for police officers and black guerrillas in order to restart stalled negotiations for a nonracial

Foreign Affairs Minister R. F. Botha said the UN proposal was acceptable to the government, "in broad outline." But the African National Congress rejected what it said was an attempt by the government to make the release of political prisoners conditional on a general amnesty that included security force members.

John Cage, composer and avant-garde force, is dead at 79. Page 5. Bush faced political pressure to sell F-15s to Saudis. Drug-resistant TB linked to a genetic

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Asian nations voiced suspicions of the North American Free Trade Page 9.



Once-Isolated Italian Villagers Fear They're Losing a Healthy Bit of Genetic Magic

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

LIMONE Italy - Lodged between the limestone drop of the Dolomites and the indigo spread of Lake Garda, the 996 residents of Limone possess 63 hotels, plenty of restaurants, the income from a million tourists a year and, in a modest way, the secret of life.

For a decade, the people of this Italian resort have known that somewhere in their genes hurks a mutation that produces a protein that, as Felicita Fava puts it, "cleans the blood." That, in turn, means that a number of villagers are more than usually resistant to heart disease. Mrs. Fava, 70 and sprightly, is one of them.

The question people talk about,

though, is: How many more will there be like her? For centuries the village remained

closed, accessible only by water or foot-path, tending its olive and lemon groves while its three main families provided brides and grooms for one another. Intermatriage preserved the genetic mutation and nurtured it.

Then, in 1950, the road came. The problem now, said Maria Grazia Risarti, who does not think she has the marrying outsiders.

Some villagers fear the genetic magic is being fillated and lost, "Once we were like a small island," said Mrs. Risatti, whose family runs four hotels but does not seem blessed with the mutation. "Now people are marrying outsiders and the protein is getting more difficult to find.

The story started in 1982 with a man called Valerio Dagnoli, a son of the village who worked on the railroads in Milan. When he went for a medical checkup in 1982 it was discovered that he had such high levels of cholesterol

Examinations by a team directed by Professor Cesare Sartori disclosed a change in the A-1 protein that protected Mr. Dagnoli against the adverse effects of high cholesterol. The altered protein has not been found anywhere else. In the village, news of the strange protein set people pondering.

"People thought that it was maybe

our very fine clive oil, or our lemons, or the water," said Mrs. Fava. "My theory," said Enrico Rossaro, three families in which the mutation who runs a publicity firm here and who had most frequently been identified:

They had to bring in the soil for the lemon groves by boat from across the lake, and carry it up the mountain. It made them very healthy."

But the real secret seemed to lie in the archives of the village church, where a local historian and the priest, the Rever-end Mario Trebeschi, began poring over the records of births, marriages and

They started with the names of the

that he should have been feeling very ill.

The only problem was, as village lore has it, he felt just fine.

does not think he has the mutation, "is the Girardis, the Segalas and the Pomarolis. They discovered that all three has it, he felt just fine. had among their early members Cristoforo Pomaroli and Rosa Giovanelli, immigrants from nearby Trento who had married here in 1644,

Stephen Sturley, of the department of biochemistry at the University of Wisconsin, said in a telephone interview that the church records suggested that the origin of the mutation lay with the couple. "It was a chance event that created the specific mutation," he said. "The isolation of the village preserved it primarily through intermarriage."
Milan University scientists, who have

tested every resident, say about 44 people have the mutation.

The mutation produces the altered protein, which is able to "bind fat much aster than a normal one and release it faster," said Dr. Sartori, who is head of clinical pharmacology at Milan University and holds a doctorate from the University of Kansas. This greatly accelerates the prevention of cholesterol buildups that cause arteriosclerosis.

Dr. Sartori said that the protein had been duplicated in a laboratory and that pharmacentical concerns in Belgium and Sweden were both working on

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Bosnian, in U.S., Tells of Slaughter

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON — A 53-yearold Muslim from Bosnia-Herzegovina has told Congress that Serbs guarding a detention camp slaugh-tered 1,350 captives in seven weeks of terror in May and June.

The witness, Alija Lujinovic, a traffic engineer from Brcko, testified before a closed-door session of the Senate Armed Services Committee. He then spoke at a news

The chairman, Sam Nunn, Democrat of Georgia, said he did not hold an open hearing for Mr. Lujinovic because his staff had not had time to verify his account.

Mr. Lujinovic, who said he had never been involved in politics or in ethnic violence, testified that he was seized May 3, hiding in a cellar after Serbian gunmen and troops from the remnants of the Yugoslav Army attacked Brcko.

He was held for two days in a mosque, where, he related, the Serbs mocked the Muslims and desecrated the building. The prisoners were transferred to a transportation center, where, he said,

"They raped one woman whose children and parents were present, along with everyone else," Mr. Lujinovic said through an interpreter.

They took 15 people out and slit their throats on the grass."

The captives were transported in buses to warehouses near Brcko,

alongside the Sava River, he said, where they sat confined on con-crete floors. Men were selected daily and taken outside, he said, where their throats were slit near a drain

that carried the blood into the river. Doctors and nurses came to the camp to remove organs from the corpses, wrap them in plastic and take them away in a refrigerated truck, Mr. Lujinovic said. One of the victims, he said, was a

friend and fellow worker, a 27year-old computer operator named Ado Kucalovic. "I will forever remember his screaming and yelling not to kill him, and not to slit his throat," Mr. Lujinovic said. The guards were drinking heavi-

ly, Mr. Lujinovic went on, and were taking green tablets with the alcohol. "Then they were really wild," he added. By late June, just 150 of the 1,500

people originally in the camp were still alive, he said. All but 35 were freed when friends and relatives paid ransom for them, and Mr. Lutinovic said he was one of those left behind when he was unable to come up with the required 5,000 Deutsche marks (\$3,400). He said he was freed after he

approached a Serbian inspector at the camp, a former friend, and got sary documents.

Mr. Lujinovic was one of the sources for articles in the New York newspaper Newsday that focused world attention on the camps. (AP, Reuters)



Muslim refugees from Bosnia sleeping in a makeshift shelter in a sports hall in Jablanac, Croatia.

China Opens Tibet's Doors to the Rest of the World

Agence France-Presse

BELIING - Chinese authorities have decided to open Tibet to the outside world in a major change aimed at promoting economic prosperity and weakening a separatist move-ment inside the Himalayan region.

The region's Communist Party and government leaders have decided to "turn from a closed or semiclosed economy to active participation in domestic and international commerce," the Tibet Daily reported.

The official newspaper, received here Thursday, announced an "all-round opening to the outside world."

The government will offer foreign invest-ment incentives and direct air links with Beijing, Katmandu and Hong Kong, It will

according to the report.
In an editorial, the newspaper said: "Earnestly implementing this decision has important significance for speeding up Tibet's economic development, maintaining the unity of the motherland, strengthening the unity of nationalities and further developing the superiority of the socialist system.

The decision was in line with policies outlined by Deng Xiaoping, China's senior lead-er, during speeches in southern China early

also heavily promote tourism and expand of living could convince skeptical Chinese of border trade with Nepal and other countries, the merits of the new system.

But as in the rest of China, observers said, term if their open-door policy results in a and technical development zone in the capimore enlightened public and if economic tal, Lhasa, which will offer special incentives. changes meet popular opposition.

The Chinese People's Liberation Army took over the remote Himalayan region in 1951, and the nominally autonomous gov-

The authorities are apparently trying to use Mr. Deng's strategies to weaken Tibet's Buddhist separatist recommend.

The semiofficial China News Agency reported that, under a new set of guidelines, foreigners would be able to buy land-use Tibet's leaders will face mrest in the short rights and take advantage of a new economic

The news agency said that in an attempt to "open the tourist market and greatly develop the tourist industry." Tibet would develop world markets while cultivating travelers Mr. Deng called for faster economic reform and for opening China to the outside world. He argued that only a rising standard world. He argued that only a rising standard world.

Syria Tests New Scuds. **Israel Says**

By David Hoffman

JERUSALEM - Syria has for the first time test-fired two advanced Scud-C ballistic missiles bought from North Korea, and it is building a plant to manufacture them, according to Israeli officials who expressed concern on Thursday about pr ss in the missile program that Syria began several

The Syrian tests, which occurred about two weeks ago, were dis-closed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin during a private briefing in Washington and in comments he made to members of Congress.

The tests have sparked new worry here about missile proliferation, which Israeli defense planners view as the gravest long-term threat to the Jewish state.

They came at a particularly sensitive time as Mr. Rabin's new government is debating whether prospects have improved for the bilateral peace negotiations with Syria, which are scheduled to resume in Washington on Aug. 24.

Mr. Rabin has appointed a prag-matic scholar on Syrian affairs to head the Israeli delegation, and has indicated that he will put the talks on equal footing with the Palestinian negotiations. But he also expressed doubts recently about the intentions of President Hafez Assad of Syria.

Several officials said they believed the tests were intended to send a message to Israel that Da-mascus should not be neglected in the peace talks while efforts are made to negotiate self-rule for the Palestinian

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told a group of Israeli military academy graduates on Thursday that if Syria tried to impose its own conditions on the talks or believed "that Israel will panic over Scuds." then "the negotiations can't get started."

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SOMALIA: In Lawless Mogadishu, Teacher Finds Work as a Hired Gun

listening to the rocket and artillery

When Mr. Siad Barre fled and the rebel forces took the capital, things were supposed to improve. But the city was a well-armed fortress, with children in their teens and younger brandishing assault rifles and grenade launchers. These roving things became the foot sol-diers in a feud among rival warlords vying for control.

In the urban free-fire zone, most of the casualties were the innocent -including Mr. Afrah's 4-year-old seriously wounded in the chest and side by a neighbor boy carelessly wielding an automatic weapon.

Mr Afrah first sold bottled gaso-

line on the streets, a lucrative busithe streets. But that business had to stop when the sniper fire became too intense.

mises and supplies. As a guard, he a UN-brokered truce that has held makes about \$40 every two weeks since March, small businesses are other, less fortunate relatives.

eating only bread and bananas and listening to the rocket and artillery gasoline stations in the ravaged capital. When he made some money, he bought food in the central marketplace and then resold it on cial economy, civil administration

> Finally, a friend introduced Mr. Afrah to the International Medical Corps, a relief agency in need of security guards to protect its pre-- enough to buy rice, sugar, cooking oil and occasional meat for his

much the same: perseverance in the centrated at the market in the city struggle for survival amid the cha-center. Now that that area has been

os. It is a story of doctors selling cigarettes on street corners and bank tellers running tea stands. It is the resilience of the people of Mogadishu, devoid of any offi-

or basic services, that ensures that life goes on despite shortages of food and other necessities. Some parts of the city actually seem to be thriving. With all of the heavy artillery and much of the random gunfire silenced, a result of since March, small businesses are

reappearing on the streets, including barber shops, tailor shops, tire cent to 45 percent of the medicine

destroyed, makeshift markets have spring up along highway median strips in the city's southern sector, and vendors offer everything from fresh camel and goat meat to com,

grapefruit, bananas and nce.

In the absence of any semblance of government, nothing is illegal and virtually anything goes. Relief workers in hospitals say that much of their medical supplies are stolen almost as soon as they arrive in the country and are then end up for sale on the sidewalk in front of the hospitals.

"There's no doubt about 40 perther, less forumate relatives.

Before the fighting, most of the sold," said Stephen Tomlin of the All over Mogadishu, the story is commerce in Mogadishu was con- International Medical Corps. "The problem is that nobody has con-

SEAT: Germany, in Shift, Wants Permanent Place on Security Council

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"a big campaign," he added that the international discussion over expanding the council "is much further along in people's thinking and in private conversations than one generally assumes."

Mr. Kohl was apparently refer-ring to a series of talks held between Japanese and U.S. officials since Japan informed the State Department and other governments it wanted a permanent place on the Security Council within the next three years.

further when Mr. Kinkel, in an interview with a Berlin newspaper, called a UN seat a "desirable goal and added that Germany would move "in such a way that its achievement is made easier and possible rather than hindered and endangered." Bonn, he said, would protect our interests.

said, that means Germany will let sons." Japan make the public moves. But Bonn will work behind the scenes to try to assure that it is included in any reorganization of the group, which currently has 10 rotating

members in addition to the five

The UN secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, has reportedly told colleagues that he wants the council to take in five more permanent members: Brazil, Germany, India, Japan and Nigeria.

permanent seats.

French diplomats called the new German approach "coy," while British and American officials

deemed it "confused."

"It's not very surprising that they are playing it this way," a British official said. "Since the end of the second World War, the Germans

by Mr. Clinton.

they believe that Germany and Japan have coordinated their move to join the Security Council, but others accept German and Japanese denials of any secret accord.

The Munich newspaper Stiddeutsche Zeitung noted in an editorial that since "the UN was founded to keep Japan and Germany under control, who would now want the two 'Axis powers' to con-

trol the UN?" The combination of likely opposition to any expansion of Jap and German power and the bu-reaucratic difficulty of amending the UN Charter makes any change in the Security Council composi

tion a long shot. second World War, the Germans

To expand the council, twohave never liked appearing to join
thirds of UN member countries

In concrete terms, a Bonn source Japan in public, for obvious rea-uid, that means Germany will let sons."

Japan in public, for obvious rea-— a difficult hardle even for less emotional proposals. Both Britain and France are

loathe to dilute the prestige and power of their places among the permanent five, diplomats said. Officials of both countries have argued that last year's Maastricht

treaty on European unity provided Germany enough access to Security Conneil deliberations by committing Britain and France to represent European interests.

"You can bet your bottom dollar that British and French politicians of every stripe will fight to the end to retain their seats," a British diplomat said.

He said a single European Community seat on the council might be acceptable if European unification proceeds smoothly, but he added that no one expects such a change to occur for 15 to 20 years.

BAKER: Bush Names New Chief of Staff, Vows a Fresh Policy Agenda

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in Europe and the Gulf and delicate negotia-

tions in the Middle East.

Calling Mr. Baker "a talented man," Mr. Clinton said his only concern was "with the continuity of American foreign policy." Senator Al Gore, the Democrat running for vice president, said the Bush team was "in a state of political panic." Marlin Fitzwater, the president's spokesman,

said the Bush campaign would be "under the direction of" the president and Mr. Baker. He said there were no legal impediments to Mr. Baker's serving as chief of staff and handling political matters at the same time.

"Good politics and good policy are of the same quotient," Mr. Fitzwater said, promising an "aggressive new program" from the White House. He also said Mr. Baker would continue to advise the president's National Security

Mr. Bush called Mr. Baker a "committed trustee of the American public interest" who is "bold, quick and tenacious," He said little

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about why he had made the change, and he suggested that his chief of staff, Samuel K. Skinner, had supported it. Mr. Skinner leaves the White House to become general chairman

of the Republican Party. In his speech, Mr. Baker set forth the outlines of the new political agenda. In some respects, it draws on the conservative economic views of former President Ronald Reagan, whom Mr. Baker also served as chief of staff, but in others it sounds strikingly similar to ideas promoted

Mr. Baker called for lower tax rates, limits on government spending, free and open trade and less government regulation. But he also favored new opportunities for families and individuals. more job training and added investment in nonmilitary research. He talked of allowing people more control over their own lives but asking more responsibility in return; he also mentioned breaking "the cycle of poverty," creating affordable health care and restoring

the nation's inner cities. "America will be an export superpower and a military superpower," Mr. Baker declared.

rie also cast himself as an agent of change, using imagery that both Mr. Clinton and Ross Perot, the erstwhile independent candidate, have employed. He said he had presided over "an era of revolutionary change" in the world and said that the Bush administration's "new ideas" in foreign policy had succeeded in resolving conflicts in Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and the former Soviet Union.

"This is a lesson we can apply at home as well," Mr. Baker said. He promised to transform the "anxiety and anger" of the American people into "regenera-

"We need to confront and describe the problems in plain terms and then we need to advance solutions," Mr. Baker said. "I remain absolutely certain that we need a safe and strong America at home to remain safe and

The theme that America needs to be strong at home in order to remain strong abroad is one that Mr. Clinton has employed repeatedly.

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Won't Go **Beyond UN** Force Plan

Mitterrand

By Alan Riding New York Times Service

PARIS - Amid mounting calls in Europe for direct military intervention in Bosnia-Herzegovina, President François Mitterrand said Thursday that France would go no further than offering troops to protect humanitarian missions in the former Yugoslav republic. "A purely military campaign would be a forbidding ordeal," Mr.

Mitterrand said in a newspaper in-

terview. "While diplomats talk, the

blood flows, the emergency is extreme. So let's act quickly. But to add war to war will resolve nothmg."
Mr. Mitterrand responded after several prominent French politi-cians, including the leader of the governing Socialist Party, demand-ed air strikes against Serb artillery

positions being used to attack Sara-jevo and other Bosnian cities. "If I understand the intent o those calling for bombing. I do not share their conviction," he said. The nature of the terrain and of the weapons being used down there would render such a method useless." He ruled out any French ac-

United Nations.

The French leader's caution echoed that of other European governmeats which despite growing pub-lic outrage at Serbian use of violence, "ethnic cleansing" and detention camps for Bosnia's Muslims, have also expressed deep fears

of being sucked into a larger war. Britain and Germany are unwilling to contribute troops, while Italy's defense minister, Salvo Ando, has expressed "great skepticism" over the feasibility of sending in

"These men would have to be ready to face a guerrilla war that could last a long time and be spread over an area far bigger than the one in which the fighting is taking place," he said in a newspaper in terview. "And who would provide the troops needed?"

Even as the Security Council moved to approve "all necessary means" to insure delivery of hu-manitarian aid to Bosnia, France is so far the only European country to play a significant role in the UN force of 15,000 already in place.

Foreign Minister Roland Dumas of France said Wednesday that "we have not found many volunteers" to help carry out the Security Council resolution. France has already assigned 2,600 troops to the UN force, while Belgium, Den-mark and the Netherlands have of-

fered to play some role. Greece, which borders on former Yugoslavia and has strong ties to Serbia, said it opposed any military intervention in Bosnia.

With no consensus among its nine members, the regional defense pact known as the Western European Union met in Rome to consider military options, including tightenthe naval blockade of Serbia and Montenegro. North Atlantic Treaty Organization ambassadors are also to debate the crisis in Brus-

sels on Friday. Demands that Europe "do something" nonetheless continue to be fed by images and reports of atrocities in Bosnia as well as by political figures such as Britain's former prime minister, Margaret Thatcher, France's opposition leader, Jacques Chirac, and the European Community's executive president, Jacques Delors.

PARTY: Gloomy Houston

(Continued from page 1)

of the Houston economy during the boom, but its share is now less than 30 percent, said Ray Perryman, an

Houston, which in 1989 added

97,000 jobs to its economy, will add 4,000 jobs this year, he predicted. "Houston is experiencing a flat economy, not the severe downturns you see on both coasts, and in many ways it is well-positioned to come out of the recession stronger than other cities," Mr. Perryman said. "Even so, when I talk to people in Houston, I don't hear the optimism that was quite striking a couple of years ago. There we high expectations that the bad times were past and a new era of growth had begun. Now people are

As in the rest of the nation, the frustrations evident in Houston involve more than the economy. The Houston survey this year found public schools and public transportation and a sharp increase in coucem about crime

Tbilisi Sends Soldiers To Rescue Police Aides

The Associated Press TBILISI, Georgia — Georgian troops moved Thursday to seal off the western region of the republic where supporters of ousted President Zviad K. Gamsakhurdia were holding nine police officials as hostages, officials said. About 3,000 soldiers with tanks

and helicopters were ordered into action after Gamsakhurdia supporters scized the officials, deepening a political crisis for the government of Eduard A. Shevardnadze, the former Soviet foreign minister. The troops closed roads, bridges and other escape routes.

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Police Search Singapore Newspaper
SINGAPORE (Remers) — Singapore internal security officials
searched the offices of the local Business Times newspaper on Thursday
as part of an investigation, a spokesman for the Ministry of Home Affairs

said.

"The Internal Security Department is conducting an investigation under Section 5 of the Official Secrets Act," he said. A senior local editor under Section 5 of the Official Secrets Act, he said. A senior local editor said earlier that the police questioned several Business Times journalists in an inquiry about the paper's coverage of the economy.

"Police are making some inquiries about some economic coverage the Business Times has provided recently," said Cheong Yip Seng, editor in Business Times has provided recently," said Cheong Yip Seng, editor in chief for Malay/English newspapers for Singapore Press Holdings, owner of the paper. Mr. Cheong said he had no specific information on the nature of the inquiry, adding: "I can only speculate. It is possible that information published in the Business Times might have been leaked and they are trying to trace the source." they are trying to trace the source."

IRA Arms Cache Seized in London

LONDON (NYI) — Scotland Yard said Thursday that it had seized a "very large quantity" of explosives and arrested several people as part of an operation against the Irish Republican Army on the British mainland. The disclosure followed unconfirmed reports in British newspapers that the police in London had thwarted a major terrorist operation in central London, among other things seizing a truck contain

pound (136-kilogram) bomb.

Scotland Yard did not provide details, saying only that a number of people had been arrested and that munitions as well as a large cache of explosives and other bomb components had been recovered.

Neo-Nazi Attacks Soared, Bonn Says

BONN (Reuters) — Attacks by neo-Nazi gangs, mainly on foreigners, soared nearly fourfold in Western Germany last year compared with 1990, a government report said on Thursday.

Ultrarightist violence in Germany as a whole also rose in 1991 and remains alarmingly high, Interior Minister Rudolf Seiters said, although the noted a slight decline in such violence this year, attributed to efforts by the police and courts to track down and represente attackers quickly. In the police and courts to track down and prosecute attackers quickly. In all, 1,483 attacks were recorded in Germany last year, 990 of them in the west and 493 in the east

"I consider the increase in right-wing extremism alarming," Mr. Seiters said. The report by the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution said that widening threats included the first moves by the American white supremacist group the Ku Klux Klan to become established in

Muslim Group Claims Thai Bombing BANGKOK (Combined Dispatches) — A Muslim separatist group claimed responsibility for a bomb attack on a railroad station in southern Thailand on Thursday that left at least three dead and 73 wounded. A prominent anti-military politician, Chamlong Srimuang, had been scheduled to address an election rally nearby in the evening, but an official of his Palang Dharma party said he did not think Mr. Chamlong was the target

was the target.
The Pattami United Liberation Organization said in a statement that it had set the bomb, which exploded in the station of the southern city of Hat Yai, 40 kilometers (25 miles) from the Malaysian border. The statement, found at the scene of the explosion, demanded a separate state in southern Thailand's Pattani Province. It also called on the authorities to "stop brutal suppression of the Muslim community." (AFP, Reuters)

Rebel Raids Kill Hundreds in Kabul

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (Reuters) - Hundreds of Afghan civilians were killed Thursday in rocket and artillery attacks on the capital, Kabul, by a dissident mujahidin leader, President Burhanuddin Rabbani said in

Mr. Rabbani said forces loyal to the government had later destroyed rocket batteries and other heavy weapons of the hard-line Islamic Party, led by the fundamentalist Gulbuddin Hekmatyar. Cluster rockets plowed into a crowd of people near the general post office in the busy Da-Afghanan area in the morning. Hospital sources and witnesses said at least 87 people had been killed there and 150 wounded.

Correction

A table in Thursday's editions misstated the per capita income of the European Economic Area. The figure should be \$19,062.

TRAVEL UPDATE

ssian air traffic controllers said they would go ahead with a strike this weekend if the government failed to meet demands over wages and other issues. (Reuters) SAS will begin nonstop service between Copenhagen and Kiev on Wednesday, the company said. SAS will initially operate three round-trip

flights a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and add Sunday flights In Amsterdam, only well-heeled tourists will have a bed this month if they arrive without a hotel reservation, the tourist office said. It said only a few of the capital's most expensive hotel rooms, costing up to 500

guilders (\$300) a night, were still available. Amsterdam has 28,000 hotel beds and space for 2,000 people in campsites. KLM Royal Dutch Airlines joined the growing war over trans-Atlantic fares by announcing Thursday that it plans to slash ticket prices on U.S.-European routes by up to 50 percent in its winter schedule. The new tourist class fares, from nine U.S. airports to 75 destinations in Europe, range from \$475 to \$850. They apply from October to March. (Reuters)

The Weather



North America The sizing heat will continue in the western states Saturday through Monday. Afternoon temperatures will sear well over 100 degrees in the valleys of California and Oregon. Rain is tikely from Baelon to Washington, D.C.

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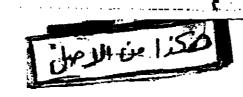
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WASHINGTON — Ross Perot said he would not endorse either President George Bush or Bill Clinton in the presidential election and noted pointedly that his own name will still be on the ballot in most states. "If they run, duck and hide and play the political game, the American people have a plan on the table," he said. "They've got this very awkward, strange, unusual thing. They've got somebody that they put on the ballot themselves if the two traditional parties."

He left open the possibility that there could be an endorsement for one of the major-party candidates from his supporters, who mounted a nationwide effort to get his name on state ballots before he announced a month ago that he would not run. Some volunteers from that effort have formed a group supporting Mr. Perot's ideas.
"The endorsement, if it comes, would come from the organization, not from me," he said.

"We're not leaning toward either party," Mr. Perot said. "I'd like in November for it to be a neck-and-neck race, like the Olympics, where there's a hundredth of a second difference between the two in terms of great plans for the American people.

On Canvas, the Portrayal of a Heroic Mixon

YORBA LINDA, California — His gaze is grim and earnest. His white raincoat is ingged slightly by the breeze. One hand rests protectively on the head of a child while the other reaches out to

succor a desperate refugee.

That is the Richard Nixon that has emerged in a painting, 10 feet by 6 feet, at his presidential library, alongside replays of the Checkers speech, excerpts from the Watergate tapes and mementoes of diplomatic triumphs.

The canvas, inspired by Mr. Nixon's 1956 vice-presidential visit to Hungarian refugees in Austria, is the latest addition to the Richard Nixon Library and Birthplace, a new presidential icon to place, perhaps, alongside the image of Washington crossing the Delaware. The giant work adds a vivid central image to the two-year-old complex 30 miles (50 kilometers) southeast of Los Angeles.
In the heroic symbolism of the artist Ferenc Daday, a Hungarian

emigre, Mr. Nixon stands alone among the refugees to face down the roiling clouds of communism. In its scope and style, the painting completed in 1972, calls to mind Socialist Realist celebrations of Soviet leaders like Mr. Nixon's old Soviet counterpart, Leonid I.

Under an El Greco sky, refugees from the Soviet crackdown huddle in safety behind Mr. Nixon, while in the picture's central image a man and woman tell him urgently of the hardships they have fled, pointing back toward the flames of their country. (NYT)

A Rockefeller Falls Short on Signatures

ALBANY, New York - Larry Rockefeller, an environmental lawyer making his first bid for public office, was officially excluded from the ballot for the Republican primary for U.S. senator when the New York state Board of Elections ruled that he had not collected

enough valid signatures to qualify.

At the end of a two-day hearing, David Flanagan, a board spokesman, said 3.914 signatures of the 10,774 submitted by Mr. Rockefeller were declared invalid for a lot of reasons, most commonly because the petitions incorrectly listed such information as what election district or state assembly district the signer came from.

Mr. Rockefeller, a nephew of former Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, needed 10,000 valid signatures to qualify for the Republican primary against Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato, who is seeking his third term. (NYT)

'Jobs' is Ours, the Republicans Decide

HOUSTON — The Democrats' class-conscious campaign has caused Republicans to amend their vocabulary, if not their policy. Until this week, a section of the Republican platform professed that a reduction in the capital gains tax rate would help create wealth in America. But a platform subcommittee changed that.

"We should not use the word wealth," said a platform committee member, Jeff Angers of Louisiana. "Wealth is not a good word. Jobs is a good world." Representative Via Weber of Minnesota, another committee member, this agreed. Wealth, after all, was what allowed business and the economy to expand.

But Representative Robert S. Walker of Pennsylvania said Demo

crats were scoring points and Republicans needed to respond. "What we want to do is redefine the issue," he said.

Mr. Weber releated, and "jobs" replaced "wealth."

(AP)

James Carville, chief strategist for Bill Clinton, on what the return of James A. Baker 3d to the White House would do for President George Bush's campaign: "Well, it's like changing spokes on a flat

Away From the Hustings

Three Reason administration officials responsible for tracking the cases of U.S. servicemen missing in Victuam said the government has known for nearly 20 years that some U.S. prisoners of war may have been alive in Indochina when troops were withdrawn in 1973.

• After five years of investigation into the Iran-contra affair, prosecutors have told lawyers for former Attorney General Edwin Meese 3d that he is a subject of their inquiry.

• After a third day of surveying the area off Massachusetts where the Queen Elizabeth 2 struck an unknown object, marine investigators said they had discovered a 15-foot (4.5-meter) rock that was not on navigational charts. But they said they did not think it was the object that left a 74-foot gash in the ship's hull last week.

House Democrats, intent on sending the Pentagon what one called "a strong message that it is a new day," introduced legislation designed to assess and reduce sexual harassment and assault in the military and ensure better treatment of victims.

• In its first American study, a new vaccine against hepatitis A has proved to be 100 percent effective in protecting children against the infectious liver disease.

• The National Science Board said that scientific research by American business was in a state of stagnation and recommended tough steps to strengthen industry against foreign rivals, including a series of actions by the federal government.

 More than a million New Yorkers are on welfare — almost one out of every seven city residents — as the recession deepens in the city.

Drunken driving charges will not be filed against Rodney G. King, the motorist whose beating by Los Angeles police officers was videotaped, antiborities announced. Mr. King was arrested July 16 after driving erratically in Santa Ana, south of Los Angeles.

 The Environmental Protection Agency will step up enforcement against polluters of Chesapeake Bay tributaries under a pact signed by the agency and governors in the region.

• The House of Representatives approved a plan to release nearly all the government files concerning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, in an effort to eliminate the cloud of doubt and suspicion that has lingered over his shooting.

• Doctors declared former Presidest Ronald Reagan, 81, and his wife, Nancy, 71, in excellent health following annual physical examinations, a family spokeswoman said.

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Look in the Mirror,' Quayle Advises Journalists on Sleaze

By E. J. Dionne Jr. Washington Post Service

HOUSTON — Republicans have begun a concerted attack on the news media, with Vice President Dan Quayle accusing journalists of foisting "sleaze" on the American people, and Richard N. Bond, the Republican Party chairman, asserting that journal-ists want President George Bush to lose the

Campaigning in Huntington Beach, California, Mr. Quayle said questions put to Mr. Bush about an alleged extramarital affair were motivated by "a desire to hart the president and help bill Clinton."

Mr. Bond said at a meeting of the Republican National Committee here: "I think we know who the media want to win this election — and I don't think it's George Bush and the American people." He did not refer to articles about Mr. Bush's personal life. But he did criticize an article in The Washington Post about Mr. Clinton's first campaign bus tour that referred to the Democratic nominee and his running mate, Senator Al Gore of Tennes-see, as "the heartthrobs of the heartland."

nounced three television networks for denying Mr. Bush airtime to give a speech June, and especially since the Democratic this year on a proposed balanced-budget convention last month. Mr. Clinton has amendment to the constitution. The criticism of the media was wel-

comed by edgy Republicans who have gathered here for their party's convention next week. They said the party needed to shake up the public's negative view of the state of the primaries have spoken favorably of Mr. Clinton. In the same period, only 34 Bush presidency.

By suggesting that journalists played a role in creating a false image of Mr. Bush, the Republicans said, they might be able to encourage the public to take a second look at his performance.

sharply in the course of the year. During the early primaries, he was confronted with critical articles about the way he had avoided military service during the Vietnam

arried to the Democratic nominee and his arrived to the Democratic nominee and his muning mate, Senator Al Gore of Tennesce, as "the heartthrobs of the heartland."

The Republican Party leader also deduced the control of the possible candidacy of Ross Perot.

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percent of those interviewed about President Bush have spoken favorably of him.

"We're way late actually in challenging some of the press coverage," said Haley Barbour, a Bush campaign adviser from Mississippi who is a member of the Repub-News coverage of Mr. Clinton shifted lican National Committee.

Van Poole, the state Republican Party chairman in Florida, said, "Ninety percent of the press this year is negative. That's got to have an effect. It's a steady diet."

war, about his record as governor of Arkansas and also about assertions by a state employee, Genmer Flowers, that she had had a romance with him.

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Mr. Clinton by 65 percent to 29 percent.

A study by the Center for Media and

Men backed him 55 percent to 39 percent.

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Asked whether he thought infidelity would be an election issue, Mr. Quayle replied "No," and walked away from the microphone

He had not gone three steps when he wheeled around and told reporters he wanted to "expand" on his answer.

"There is good journalism and there is bad journalism," Mr. Quayle said. "And let me say to you good journalists, you are being overwhelmed by bad journalism." The vice president, who comes from an

Indiana family of newspaper publishers, said, "Good journalism is taking a rumor and gossip, going out and investigating it. "an absolute of Mr. Quayle was referring to a New York Press reported." Post report that a former ambassador to

adjoining rooms for then-Vice President Bush and an aide, Jennifer Fitzgerald, in Switzerland in 1984.

"When you find something like this, that is investigated and is totally false, you don't print it." Mr. Quayle said.

"The very idea that a question like this could come up at a presidential news conference with the prime minister of Israel, I find outrageous," he said.

"You in the media have a responsibility to the American people for your objectivity," the vice president declared.

Addressing himself to editors, publishers

and television producers, he added, "When

you talk about sleaze. I think some in the media ought to look in the mirror." ■ Barbara Bush's 'Outrage'

The first lady, Barbara Bush, said teporters' questions about whether her hus-band had had an extramarital affair were "an absolute outrage," The Associated

Post report that a former ambassador to Switzerland, now dead, had told the author of a new book about the arranging of would be ashamed if I were the press."



Lawrence Eagleburger at the State Department in Washington on Thursday before being named acting secretary of state. He was sporting a sting after undergoing minor surgery on a muscle.

Stepping In, a Kissinger Protégé

At State, Eagleburger to Pursue U.S. 'Engagement'

WASHINGTON — The departure of James A. Baker 3d leaves the State Department under the nominal control of a blunt, witty career foreign service officer who became a protégé of Henry A. Kissinger and who believes that the United States must remain fully engaged in world affairs.

Lawrence S. Eagleburger will hold the title of acting secretary of state after serving under Mr. Baker as deputy secretary. But White House officials indicated Thursday that Mr. Baker, who will become White House chief of staff Aug. 23, will become the constitute to constitute the staff and the secretary to constitute the secretary. continue to consult with Mr. Eagleburger and help set broad foreign policy goals.

Mr. Eagleburger's name will not be submitted to Congress for confirmation as secretary of state because of election-year congressional recesses, the White House said.

Mr. Eagleburger is viewed as an able manager and an intelligent diplomat. In recent weeks, he has been one of the strongest voices of caution as President George Bush formulated his policy on the civil strife in Bosnia. And it was he who was dispatched to Israel in 1991 to seek a commitment from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir that the Israclis would not retaliate for Iraqi Scud missile

In announcing his elevation, Mr. Bush praised Mr. Eagleburger as someone to whom T feel exceptionally close personally."

Perhaps equally important is that Mr. Eagle-burger is held in high regard as a strategic thinker by foreign policy experts in both major U.S. politi-cal parties and throughout the government.

Senator Joseph J. Biden Jr., Democrat of Dela-ware, a member of the Foreign Relations Commit-tee, criticized Mr. Bush but said that in no way reflected on Mr. Eagleburger, "one of the most

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Mr. Eagleburger, 62, has served in a variety of major policy roles in the State and Defense departments, and he had foreign service postings in Honduras, at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization headquarters in Brussels, and in Yugoslavia, where he was ambassador in the early 1980s. He is a former assistant secretary of state for European

affairs and for political affairs. He also served on the National Security Council staff under Mr. Kissinger during the administra-tion of President Richard Nixon and later joined Mr. Kissinger's international consulting firm.

In a 1991 interview with The Washington Post, he described his philosophy of foreign affairs this way: "I believe very, very deeply that the world my kids have to live in in the 21st century is going to be quite different but not necessarily better. If the United States doesn't stay engaged in the process of formulating the new order, that world is going to be in great trouble. If I get excited about anything, it is doing whatever I can to keep the American people engaged."

The portly Mr. Eagleburger has carried out his duties under some physical stress. He suffers from myasthenia gravis, a disease that causes muscle fatigue, and he uses a cane because of a chronically weak knee. He has suffered from asthma since infancy, and he is a heavy smoker.

His left arm was in a sting on Thursday after minor muscle surgery. When asked about it by a reporter, he snapped, "What are you writing for some medical magazine?"

He is often asked why he named all three of his sons Lawrence. Ego, he admits, is one reason. The other, he says, is that he wanted to "screw up the Social Security system." — PAUL F. HORVITZ

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Baker as Statesman: A Mixed Legacy Of Accomplishments and Oversights

By David Hoffman

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d leaves behind a record of major accomplish-ment in advancing Middle East peace negotiations, helping secure German reunification and building the international coalition that went to war against President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

But Mr. Baker's record is also marked by major crises that he failed to resolve, including the civil war in Yugoslavia and Iraq's men-acing behavior before the invasion of Kuwait.

His legacy is also split between an early period when U.S. foreign policy was increasingly extroverted and aggressive, extending through the Gulf War, and a second phase when isolationism swept the elec-torate and the administration hewed to the inward-looking mood.

Mr. Baker's tenure at the State Department coincided with the collapse of the Soviet Union and its satellites in Eastern Europe, one of this century's most important developments. Mr. Baker and his longtime friend and partner in foreign policy, President George Bush, responded to the Soviet breakup with characteristic caution and a reactive, step-by-step prag-

After initial hesitation, they exploited improved relations with ventional and strategic arms agreements, and resolving regional conflicts from Nicaragua to Angola in negotiations with the Soviet president. Mikhail S. Gorbachev and his foreign minister, Eduard A. Shevardnadze. Even after the breaking of the Soviet Union, Mr. Baker managed to negotiate still-deeper nuclear arms cuts.

But he and Mr. Bush were slow to recognize the devolution of power to the republics and the eventual downfall of Mr. Gorbachev, on whom they had placed their hopes.

Mr. Bush declared the advent of

a "new world order" at the zenith of the Gulf crisis, but neither he nor Mr. Baker ever articulated much of a working philosophy to fill out the slogan. Rather, they have carried out foreign policy on a case-by-case basis. They went to war to oppose aggression against Kuwait, but largely stood on the sidelines at the time of Serbia's aggression against Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Mr. Baker enjoys wide respect around the globe for his extraordinary negotiating talents and his steely perseverance. He brought to diplomacy the same lust for a winning strategy and crafty tactics that marked his earlier years as a politi-

But he also has been criticized for applying these efforts to only a few high-priority issues, often to the exclusion of other problems vital to American interests.

In the last two years, for example, Mr. Baker invested his energy heavily in the Middle East peace process and in Russia, while devoting almost no time to Asia, and particularly Japan. He was intensely involved in the negotiations on German reunification in the sumently did not see, or ignored, signs that the administration's policy of

As a confident of the president, Mr. Baker exercised commanding

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lomat. But he refused to delegate responsibility to more than a hand- ed many decisions by what he ful of his most trusted advisers, judged could win approval on Cap-This management style enhanced itol Hill. his control over policy, but also left him vulnerable to missed opportu-

Baker's record from that of Mr. spective roles in the Gulf crisis. Bush, a president who in his first three years was deeply and personally involved in foreign policy.

"The difference between Baker and Bush," he said, "is that Bush could not have built the coalition,

ally involved in foreign policy. From the start, Mr. Baker had little experience in diplomacy while Mr. Bush considered it his forte. At the smallest details of policy-mak-

mer of 1990, but was so preoccupied that he failed to grasp the trouble brewing in Iraq, and apparaof domestic politics, including Mr. Bush's poll ratings and the presiengaging the Iraqi dictator was go-ing awry.

dent's performance, although in public Mr. Baker wanted to be viewed as a statesman, far removed from the nitty-gritty of partisan combat. Mr. Baker, a pragmatic politician with little patience for authority as the nation's chief dipcongressional sentiment, and guid-

A high-ranking adviser to Mr. Baker said the best way to understand the chemistry between the It is impossible to separate Mr. two men was to look at their re-

and Baker could not have made the decision to go to war."

That decision was the climax of times, such as the aftermath of the an important shift in American massacre of democracy demonstra- policy on the use of military force. tors in Beijing, Mr. Bush seems to In the years after the Vietnam War, have virtually assumed control over the White House used American troops abroad only sparingly, and ing, while Mr. Baker kept a low sometimes with disastrous results profile. At other times, such as in - such as the 1980 fiasco that was the Middle East diplomatic shuttle, intended to rescue American hos-Mr. Baker appears to have been the tages in Iran, and the 1983 suicide driving force and to have operated bombing of the U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut.

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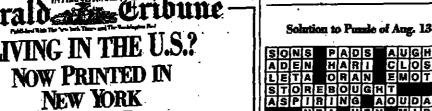
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Calamity Scarcely Noticed

Following his fact-finding mission to Somalia. Irish Foreign Minister David Andrews has described the tragedy there as the "single worst human horror ever in the ... It is like a land forgotten by God." Mr. Andrews might have added that humanitarian relief and a political settle-until recently Somalia was in danger of ment once an effective cease-fire could be being consigned to oblivion by the international community as well.

Thousands continue to die by the day, victimized by the guns of war, starvation and hunger-related diseases. One-fourth of the children will never see their fifth birthday. A million more Somalis are in danger of starving to death. This disaster, labeled by the U.S. aid agency as "the world's worst humanitarian crisis," has been allowed to reach unbelievable levels, even though the situation was predicted months ago by international relief agencies. Inhumane suffering has grown in part because Somalia, unlike the former Yugoslavia, was allowed to slide off the world's screen once its role as a Western outpost in the Cold War ended.

Human rights groups such as Africa Watch and Physicians for Human Rights mute their praise of generous U.S. food, medicine and refugee relief assistance. They condemn the Bush administration's alleged

charges, citing its own stated support for humanitarian relief and a political settlereached. But the United States was content to leave the task of brokering a cease-fire and arranging for armed UN emergency-relief guards in the hands of the chief UN official in Somalia. That posture stands in contrast to the visible U.S. role in shaping a Security Council resolution on using force

to safeguard relief shipments to Bosnia.

Matters have been helped by Wednesday's announcement of a UN agreement to allow

Good for North America

agreement, itself a remarkable achievement, the hard part of the process begins. Each of the three must sell the agreement to its legislature and its voters. That will be easiest in Mexico, much harder in Canada and very complicated in the divided American government. While congressional hearings will begin this autumn, the real decisions will come next year in another Congress and another presidential term.

Like all major trade agreements, this one is going to turn into a lightning rod for all United States about its economic future and its ability to compete. The central fear, already vehemently expressed by labor unions, is that American companies will shift their manufacturing operations to lowwage Mexico, creating unemployment in the United States and exploitation there.

Most of the Democratic leadership, including Bill Clinton, have said that the right kind of free trade agreement would benefit the United States. What is the right kind? Health and environmental protection are going to be crucial. The Democrats will give a lot of attention to labor standards and cleanup, expensive but highly desirable, along the highly polluted border areas.

strongest reason for enacting the North American Free Trade Agreement.

But what about the prospect of runaway

The State Department rejects those

500 armed UN security personnel to control the Somali capital's port and escort food convoys to distribution sites within Mogadishu. Last week's congressional resolution supporting UN guards to ensure delivery of relief "with or without" the consent of Somali factions may have helped focus the minds of the Somali warlords who have been the chief cause of the chaos. But ending the suffering in Somalia requires a longterm international commitment. The United States must take a leadership role.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Now that the three governments of North
America have negotiated their free trade

plants? The European Community's experiwages in Northern Europe, especially Germany, are now far higher than even in America, but German factories have not fled south to Spain or Portugal. The reason is the high productivity of well-trained North European workers. While American workers will generally gain under this agreement, some who work for low wages will lose their jobs to Mexican competition. But defeating the trade agreement cannot help them. Without fundamental change, massive immigration will continue to pour northward, and the new arrivals will contin-

of the people who now hold them. gigantic U.S. economy is going to be modest. The agreement's mise of a more prosperous, more stable and more democratic Mexico. The magic of free trade can have the same effect on Mexico that admission to the European Community is having on Spain, which is rapidly getting quite rich. The United States has an enormons stake - and it is by no means limited to trade and economics - in the progress of a country of 90 million people with which it rights in Mexico. They may also insist on a shares a long border. That is the best and

ne to scramble for low-wage jobs at the cost

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Onward in South Africa

illegal African National Congress marched And here the argument becomes technical peacefully on Pretoria, erstwhile seat of apartheid. There Nelson Mandela addressed a protest rally on the steps of the building in the metits in South Africa is not easy. A which his former jailer, President F. W. de sound test has been propounded by Herman Klerk, has his office. Commendably, the two cohen, assistant secretary of state for African affairs. Any new system must obviously if they cannot find common ground, South african realities, but a demo-Africa may well come apart.

This has been a tense and violent summer for South Africa, beginning with the Boipament functions within an agreed framework tong massacre on June 17, which claimed more than 40 lives. Mr. Mandela broke off tal rights of all citizens; but it should avoid constitutional talks with a government he overly complex arrangements intended to blamed for the bloodshed. To hammer guarantee a share of power to particular home their outrage, the ANC and its allies called a two-day general strike that resulted in 50 more deaths.

Although he praised the strike as "a blow. for peace and democracy," Mr. Mandela combined this with an appeal for renewed transitional government, which the ANC negotiations. Mr. de Klerk eagerly seized on also seeks. However belatedly, he has the phrase, saying: "We need not strike blows. We need to strike bargains for peace and democracy. And the way to strike bargains is for us to resume negotiations."

It would certainly be a gain if the Convention for a Democratic South Africa could resume work as soon as possible. Even better would be a preliminary, less formal meeting to seek prior agreement on broad principles of majority rule. Talks flourdered on this question in June, when Mr. Mandela charged that the government was trying to entrench a white minority veto. Nonsense, says Mr. de Klerk: He wants

For Americans, who live with checks and balances and separation of powers, judging cratic solution should fit within this general description: "It should ensure that governwhich includes protection of the fundamengroups ... Minorities have the right to safe-

guards; they cannot expect a veto. So far, Mr. de Klerk's precise proposals are unclear. He insists that he is ready to move rapidly on forming a broad-ba moved to reduce violence in black townships by closing down ethnic workers' hos-tels and barring "traditional" weapons. He has disbanded brutal police units and agreed to a review of police conduct by the United Nations and other outsiders.

This is progress. Surely the way for Mr. Mandela to sound out the president's ideas on majority rule is to take up his invitation for two full days of direct discussions, If there is common ground, then the convention can proceed full speed ahead. This summer's grim toll shows the price of deadlock - THE NEW YORK TIMES

Other Comment

Serbia: Two German Views

What is being contemplated in the war begun by Serbia? Not a major intervention that would stall deep inside the country and which could continue indefinitely in the form of a guerrilla war.

What would make sense - and could be achieved — would be the amputation of Serbian military power: targeted attacks against airports, depots and large machinery, as well as against command and communication centers and support routes. NATO's analysis does not contradict this.

This would not end the war -- military experts are right about this. But a strategy of imputation would prevent the growth of Serbia as a regional superpower.

- Die Welt (Hamburg).

The United States, Britain, France and other members of the UN Security Council have ventured onto dangerous ground. Their agreement in principle to use all necessary means to protect humanitarian convoys in the embattled regions of Bosnia-Herzegovina could lead to catastrophe. No one wants a bloody escalation.

But while no one can feel unmoved by the genocide in the Bosnian mountains, the threat of military force under a UN resolution will do as little to end the war in former Yugoslavia as the actual deployment of international fighting forces would.

The West must keep a clear head The Security Council has not yet exhausted all available means to force the Serbian aggressor to its knees.

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Too Bad if My Self-Determination Destroys You N EW HAVEN, Connecticut — Self-determination is a besic By Michael Reisman right, and it's great if you belong to the right self. If not, you're in trouthe time, Bonn actually believed that a world of ethnically homogetions should insist on all of this and use the means at their disposal to

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ble. When one group decides to self-determine, other folks in the neighborhood, with the wrong skin or religion or dialect, discover that they have just been "unselved." For them, self-determination means "Get out." Of course, people don't leave their homes voluntarily. They have to be persuaded. That means killing them until everybody gets the idea.

Naturally, the survivors want re-

venge. More people die hideous and gruesome deaths — a lot more, be-cause the technology of killing and taking revenge has become quite user-friendly. Killing for self-determination does not require skill. It does not have to be accurate.

Fortunately, traveling has also be come easier. So millions of folks who don't want to be self- or unself-determined can pack up and scamper to peaceful countries where the good people are all for the idea of selfdetermination. But the good people in those peaceful countries don't

want too many refugees.

After a while, the selved and the unselved and their ammunition are exhausted. Their new little states have become about as self-determined as they can. That does not mean that peace is at hand. Across the new borders, memories of selfdetermination sustain the old hatreds. If there is one thing everyone has learned from the experience, it is that your old neighbors who seemed so nice were really "them." Everyone knows you can never trust "them."

Self-determination does not create peaceful relations. Look how cordial their self-determinations. A lot of recent history confirms all

this, so when Slovenes and Croats began to agitate for secession, the United States and a number of West European states took the position that Yuzoslavia as an entity must continue to be the framework; if the component republics wished, they could increase their autonomy by transforming into a confederation.
Germany shattered that allied posimilaterally recognizing Slovenia and Croatia.

Bonn may have wanted to purge its image of fecklessness in the Gulf War, or to demonstrate the power of the new Germany. It may have been responding to a single-issue Croat lobby at home. Or perhaps, as one German official lectured me at nous states was more stable.

Poor Woodrow Wilson must be see that it is achieved.

spinning in his grave. He intro-duced self-determination out of concern for human beings and their rights. The result in the territory that was Yugoslavia is a travesty of the principles that animated Wilson and a mockery of human rights. It is far from over, yet now that it has started there is little that out-

siders can do. Except to learn an important lesson. If we continue to think about self-determination the way we did in Yugoslavia, what happened there will happen in many other places.

There is nothing obsolete about the idea behind self-determination. People should be able to choose their own governors. Governments should be politically responsive to the people, should not discriminate and should meet minimum human rights standards. Other governThis modern conception of hu-

man rights cannot mean knee-ierk support for demagogues who beat tom-toms in regions where many ethnic groups live cheek by jowl, just because they weave the words 'self-determination" into their chants. If self-determination for "their" people means the violation of others' rights (or, for that matter, the imposition of a despotism on their own people), then old-fash-ioned political self-determination is not the solution. UN Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali put it about as bluntly as could be: "If every ethnic, religious or linguistic group claimed statehood, there would be no limit to fragmentation, and peace, security and economic well-being for all would become

ever more difficult to achieve."
When composite states like Yugoslavia begin to fragment and the con-sequences are likely to be grim, the world community should press them to stay together. Outsiders should insist on and promote new internal political arrangements that provide stability, economic realism and, above all, effective human rights.

In ethnically mixed areas, seces-sions that would produce tribal ministates should be discouraged by making clear to ambitious would-be leaders that they will not get international recognition.

There may be occasions when the goal of a stable system of human rights for all will be better served by an internationally endorsed and su-pervised secession. But go slow, and remember that when one self deterines, another is unselved.

Given the mix of peoples in the neighborhoods of our planet, automatic self-determination for whoever shouts loudest for it is a prescription for tragedies like Yugoslavia.

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Some Russians Now Talk of 'Cleansing'

WASHINGTON — Serbian aggression in Bosnia and the West's pathetic failure to stand up against it are sending contradictory ssages to Russian and non-Russian leaders in the post-Soviet successor states. One message is that these new countries must avoid any recourse to violence lest the already dangerous situations there spiral out of control. The other is that certain groups can successfully use violence to achieve their ends.

Until recently, the first message was the only one getting throus unfortunately, ever more people in the post-Soviet republics now seem to be receiving the second one. Many people feared that the breakup of the Soviet Union would result in internecine bloodshed of the kind taking place in the former republics of Yugoslavia. As a result, the leaders of most of the new coun-

tries — particularly those of Russia and Ukraine — acted extremely cautionsly in dealings with each other. But the increasingly tense situa-tion faced by a sizable number of the 25 million Russians in the new non-Russian states has tended to undermine such commitments to nonvio-

deployment of troops, the Eurocorps

could possibly serve as a UN humanitarian force — when not en-gaged in the vital defense of the EC

against such menacing powers as Austria and Switzerland. In reality,

Germany bought the Eurocorps be

The Eurocorps serves French inter-

est, perpetuating the myth of French

control over German military policy

and appearing to substitute Paris for

an defense. The gains for Germany, however, are ambiguous at best. Ger-man leaders seemed to be casting

about for reasons for the Eurocorps

It took more than six months for

Bonn to obtain France's blessing to

tell its other allies that the Eurocorps

would be "double-hatted" as a NATO

force as well as some type of EC force.

No other European country had called

for the formation of an EC corps.

Privately, German officials suggest

that the corps might lure France back

into NATO's integrated command

structure. Never mind that if France

actually intends to reion the NATO

command, nobody wants it to be

The Eurocorps is little more than a

choice avoider. It represents neither a

meaningful German commitment to a

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By Paul A. Goble

lence. Russians in several states have called on the military to protect their rights, and Russian nationalists in Moscow back these demands. Boxis Yeltsin has effectively op-

posed such demands. But the Russian president faces many serious ms, and he seems to be backing away from his earlier position. Apparently with his acquiescence, the 14th Russian Army has come to the defense of the Russian minority in the Trans-Dniester region of Moldova. At least 475 people have died in clashes between the army and the local population, which is 75 percent non-Russian. The army's commander, General Alexander Lebed, has said that he viewed the Moldovan government as a "fascist clique" --- a line reminiscent of Serbian com-

ments about Bosnian officials. Mr. Yeltsin's position against the use of force was further undermined by his courageous decision to sup-port the West at the United Nations against Serbian aggression. That in-furiated Russian conservatives because Serbia has been a traditional

ally of Russia. Moreover, these conservatives have begun to see that Serbia may be achieving its goals -a conclusion that has made them even more willing to use the military in non-Russian countries.

That some Russians in the successor states have reached the same conclusion is suggested by recent moves by Russians in Estonia. One there seek to create "a Dniester-like situation in Estonia," so as to draw in the Russian Army. And a Russian leader in Estonia, Mikhail Lysenko, said that Russian intervention would "cleanse" Russians of the "trash" now dominating them. Anyone who wants democracy and stability in the post-Soviet world can

only hope that Mr. Lysenko and his ilk will be ignored. Anyone who wants them to be ignored must work for a Western position in Bosnia that will make anyone in Moscow think twice.

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Germans and Neighbors Need a Decisive Germany

By Gary L. Geipel

es want a stable, secure Europe, but their effort to achieve it by deny-ing legitimate German interests is sef-defearing. It transforms the country Community efforts to achieve a common defense policy, the Eurocorps has been criticized in Washington and other NATO capitals as a competitor to the alliance that could undermine from a powerful catalyst into a potentrans-Atlantic solidarity. Such concerns are overblown, if

tial obstacle to necessary change.

Bonn recently has ignored some German interests, postponed impor-tant decisions, and sent confusing sig-nals to other countries. Clear examples are confused posturing on military integration with France and irreconcilintentions to deepen and enlarge the European Community.

Since unification, the political and

T NDIANAPOLIS - German lead-

intellectual elite has produced reams of commentary to the effect that "there are no German interests, only European interests." Such protests all too obviously aim to quell real or imagined fears of German hegemony.

The rest of the world has remained skeptical, however, and the German people - as citizens of any country are wont to do in their living rooms or pubs — have not stopped viewing the world through their own pocketbooks and national lanbris.

The trouble with Bonn's claim to being neutered is its effect on decision-making. By forswearing national interests, the government deprives itself of a basis for making choices. Germany is left with the impossible task of being all things to all people. It appears hypocritical on the rare occasions when it does take a firm stand — on recognition of Croatia, for example, or interest rates. At home, the German government risks its legitimacy by appearing mable to say no to other countries.

Late last year, the announcement that Germany and France would enlarge their joint army brigade into a pan-European "Eurocorps" came as a rude shock to other NATO members. Described by Germany and France as the necessary outgrowth of European European security identity nor an unquestionable commitment to trans-At-lantic defense cooperation.

The former choice would require substantial investment in strategic lift and the technology for command, control and intelligence. The latter choice would require energetic lobby-Such concerns are overblown, if only because the Eurocorps has no military utility outside of NATO. Without NATO's capabilities to project power and provide battlefield intelligence, and limited as it is by Germany's constitutional debate over the deployment of troops the Eurocorps. ing for a continued U.S. troop presence in Europe and the willingness to give NATO broader reach. Either choice would require a swift end to Germany's constitutional opt-out on the use of force. Difficult steps, yes, but the only ones likely to move En-rope's post-Cold War security architecture to a new equilibrium.

The Eurocorps is but one example of Bonn's tendency to promise everyone just a little bit rather than take coherent stands. According to German leaders in recent speeches, the Community can move to currency union and harmonization of social policies by the end of the decade, while accepting new members that have rates and living conditions far below the EC norm and are just beginning to understand the free market

Germany's idea of a "multi-speed" EC is hardly satisfying. As the only major exponent of both deepen and enlarging the Community, Germany somehow would have to run at two speeds, giving up the Deutsche mark and other elements of sovereignty to Brussels while assuming even greater responsibility for ma and financing Eastern Enrope's eco-nomic transition. German cinizens, some of whom are already threatening political retribution as the cost of their country's unification, are hardly likely to support such a double life.

The evidence suggests that enlargement of the Community is in Germany's best interest, considering the ex-port potential to Eastern Europe and the specter of mass migration if con-

Germans are not known to be slow to express opinions or to protect their own interests. Bonn's reluctance to do so has much to do with German history. By making the past an obstacle to forthright decision-making. German leaders risk precisely the kind of crisis of legitimacy that the Federal Repub-lic did so well to avoid.

The writer, a research fellow at the Hudson Institute, contributed this comment to the Herald Tribune.

vergence is not rapid. A solid case also can be made for deepening EC integration. German leaders have to decide which goal deserves priority.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: The Art of Ladies PARIS - A large portion of the

Exposition des Arts de la Femme in the Palais de l'Industrie has been closed to the public for a week, new arrangements being made and several new features being added. Eight new galleries will be opened to-day [Aug. 14]. One of these is taken up by a special exhibition of female work organized by a committee of ladies which includes the Duchesse de Chartres, Princesse de Beauvan and the Comtesse de Biencourt.

1917: Kaiser and King

ATHENS - Communications between the Kaiser and King Constantine are to be revealed when the Greek Government publishes a White Book next week. It contains a telegram from the Kaiser to ex-King Constantine dated Berlin, August 4, 1914. It says: I signed to-day a treaty of alliance with Turkey. I hold the Balkans in my

hands. Roumania, Turkey and Bulgar-

ia have joined Germany in the war against Slavism. The German fleet will unite with that of Turkey. Do not forget that, as you are a German field marshal and the husband of my sister, your place is at my side."

1942: Battle in Solomons WASHINGTON - [From our New

York edition: The battle of the Solomon Islands raged through its seventh day today [Aug 13], amid indications that American and Japanese surface ships may now be slugging it out gun to gun. Imperial headquar-ters in Tokio said that Japanese naval forces in the battle of the Solomon Islands had sunk thirteen British and American cruisers, nine destroyers, thirteen submarines and ten transports. Twenty-one Japanese planes were said to have been lost in suicide dives onto their objectives. Frank Knox, head of the Army, said he feels very good" and that the nation may soon hear heartening news of its first major offensive in the South Pacific.

South Asia Stands at a Crossroads

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By James Clad

N EW DELHI — In South Asia, one-quarter of mankind remains hostage to a bitter cold war between India and Pakistan. If warfare crupts again, as it has three times since 1947, there is a real risk that nuclear weapons, clandestinely assembled, will be used by both sides.

However, recent interviews with senior officials here indicate a fundamental change of heart in India over the one dispute that could set off those bombs - Kashmir. On the table, for the first time, is Indian willingness to accept permanent partiopen secret military installations to

foreign observers.

The final status of Kashmir has been unsettled since Britain's depar-ture from most of its South Asian empire 45 years ago. A Muslim Paki-sian and a secular but predominantly Hindu India emerged in place of a unified British colony. Each of the new states incorporated contiguous Muslim-majority or Hindu-majority principalities. But when the Hindu maharajah of Jammu and Kashmir, a Muslim-majority state, opted to join India, the process broke down. Since then, Pakistan and India have fought two wars over Kashmir.

Kashmir has become the longest unresolved major dispute since World War II. Now both India and Pakistan have nuclear bombs and the means to deliver them, according to Western intelligence. Pakistan is beheved to have at least six nuclear weapons, and India as many as 25.

Until recently, hostility remained entangled in the bigger East-West confrontation. The United States stood mostly behind Pakistan, while the Soviet Union loomed behind India Most Muslim Kashmiris seemed willing to tolerate, if not welcome,

Indian overlordship.

But the 1990s have witnessed a terrible polarization between India's security forces and ordinary Kash-miris. Unnervingly for India and Pakistan, most separatist voices rallying Kashmir's 4 million people demand independence from both.

There is now a rare convergence of opportunity for productive negotia-tions, chiefly because Indian and Pakistani politics are almost immobi-

lized by the dispute.

Senior officials in New Delhi have signaled that India is prepared to accept permanent partition. The pre-sent militarized line of control would become the international frontier. If Pakistan would trade land adjacent to the southern boundary of Jammu and Kashmir, India would vield territory in Kashmir's north to secure a strategic highway linking Pakistan and China, Indian officials say.

Once the frontier in Kashmir is normalized, India will move quickly to add dozens of transit points to a border which, at present, has just one official crossing point along its entire length of more than 2,900 kilometers (1,800 miles). India would then seek to negotiate normalization of relacross-border traffic and trade.

Negotiations would be difficult. New Delhi's approach would also out the Kashmiris out of decision-making, possibly a fatal error. Nonetheless, a Kashmir settlement should be given a high priority in international diplomacy, particularly because of its proclear dimension

India has quietly begun to allow foreign specialists access to sensitive military and space installations that were previously closed. Access could be broadened to include nuclear facilities. This would instill greater confidence in Pakistan and elsewhere about India's military capability and intentions.

U.S. diplomacy could play a role in reducing tension between the two countries. The United States showed willingness to move swiftly in 1990 when it helped pull India and Pakistan back from a precipice created by fierce rhetoric as the Kashmir insurrection inflamed relations. Since that intervention, the United

States has been encouraging New Delhi and Islamabad to adopt confidence-building measures such as bet-ter contact at field level between opposing armies and advance warning of air force flights likely to run close to the border. This U.S. effort should be intensified and broadened to try to defuse the dangerous interlocking of Kashmiri and nuclear power politics, tims creating a better climate for a post-Cold War rapprochement be-tween India and Pakistan.

The writer, a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, in Washington, contributed this comment to the Herald Tribune.

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sation that doctors, dentists and pharmacists receive from the national health coffers. The bill, drawn up by Health Minister Horst Sechofer, has caused an uproar among health-

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Dentists staged a one-day strike weak" medical centers might have to close because of the changes. July 27 to protest the legislation. kinds of medicines. The legislation would raise the maximum to 10 will lose 30 percent of their income.

Mr. Seehofer said he was willing BONN - A bill that would sig- to alter details of the bill to win the support of the opposition Social

Germany's national health-care Democrats. Germans are required by law to join national health insurance plans and pay a minimum of 5 percent of their gross pay to them; employers match the contribution. But the federal government has had to put out more and more money to cover gaps between rising medical costs and payroll deductions.

According to some calculations, the national health program could be as much as 12 billion Deutsche marks (\$8.2 billion) in the red by the end of this year.

Mr. Secholer hopes to save 11.5 billion DM through the legislation. Of that amount, 8.2 billion DM man for the German Society of Hospitals, a lobbying organization, and druggists, and the rest by pa-

OPINION



In Those Days, Pressures **Made for Strong Families**

By William Raspberry

O KOLONA, Mississippi — After all these re-enactments, the pageant still gets to me: Young Simon, perhaps 12 years old, on a forced march from Virginia to Kentucky, watching in helpless horror as his mother, several months pregnant, stumbles again and falls.
The boy turns to help her, but is

ordered back in line - ordered to leave

MEANWHILE

the person most dear to him in the world to die like a dog on the trail.

It is the last time Simon - my great grandfather — ever sees his mother. He never even knew her name. And so at each of our family reunions, the younger members of the clan re-enact that forced march, that agonizing separation, and then report to Nameless Grandmother.

They depict Simon's being sold "down the river" to Mississippi by his Kentucky owner, show him on the slave auction block in Columbus. (Next to the day he last saw his mother, he later told my grandfather, it was the low point in his

ife: being displayed and poked and probed and sold like an object.)

There are other, less gloomy elements of the report to Nameless Grandmother: Jubilee — the emancipation that Simon's mother hardly dared dream of; Simon's struggles to meet the demands of his new status as a free citizen. Family lore has it that he harvested nuts and berries to supplement his meager farm earnings to purchase what was to become the nucleus

family - Simon's marriage to Martha Ann, their children and their grandchildren - my mother and her seven siblings; in all, seven generations of descendants of Nameless Grandmother. The skit makes no mention of secular accomplishment. The recitals are of special

of the family farm near Smrthville.

But the heart of the children's report is

people and their traits (Aunt Dora's intellect, Aunt Fannie's wit), not of status or income. The whole affair is about (as we say these days) "family values." It is about family writ large — the main river stretching back to Nameless Grandmother and embracing generations yet unborn - but also about the smaller tributaries; marriages and births that constantly renew the stream, parental sacrifices, inherited stan-

The celebration seems remarkable at a time when families are under such stress. Particularly among black Americans, with nearly two-thirds of all births out of wedlock, the loss of family is making it more difficult to raise healthy and hopeful children or to pass along tribal values. But how remarkable, really, is my family's devotion to family? I have been reading a book called "From Plantation to Ghetto," by August Meier and Elliott Rudwick, and these passages struck me: "Much in the slave regime promoted marital and familial instability. Slave

marriages were not recognized by law; slave sales were a frequent disrupter of family life; the miscegenation that resulted from the white males' sexual exploitation of female slaves, while at times involving stable and affectionate concubinage, also discouraged slave married life ... Slaves nonetheless managed to create and sustain a stable family life, with two-parent, male-headed house-

holds evidently the norm."

And this: "The eagerness with which slaves hastened to legalize their marriages after the Civil War, and sought to reunite with long-separated families, reveals the importance of this institution to them." The thing we celebrate in the story of the Nameless Grandmother may be unusual in its detail but is -or was -quite ordinary in its content. Strong and endur-

ing marriages, devotion to families that cared enough about children to make serious demands on them, were the norm. What is truly remarkable is how unremarkable "family values" used to be. Economic pressures, we say today, are tearing families apart; joblessness, exac-

erbated by pride-destroying racism, keeps them from forming. I think of Great-Grandpa Simon and thousands like him for whom our "economic pressures" would have been undreamt-of opportunity, and for whom the racism we experience would have seemed an eyelash from freedom, and I wonder:

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More on UN University

Regarding the report "UN University in Tokyo Is Accused of Studying Mainly Itself" (Aug. 5) by Steven Brull:

The statement attributed to me -- as executive officer of UNU — regarding "trivial" matters concerned with alleged noncompetitive bidding procedures was factually incorrect and has been taken completely out of context from my discussion with Mr. Brull.

RABINDER N. MALIK.

The image of the United Nations University given by Mr. Brull is quite different from that of someone who has observed it since its creation in the 1970s and who has occasionally been, and still is, associated with its research effort. Mr. Bruil does not seem to realize that from its inception the UNU was designed as a decentralized system, in which its headquarters in Tokyo is charged essen-

tially with a management and support

function. The UNU may have had its up

and downs, but it has succeeded in stimulating and supporting valuable work.

Much of this has been done by research and training centers and by prosearch and training centers and by pro-then informed his readers. Instead, he strike gold in Barcelona. But Al Oerter grams funded from special sources in a took extraordinary theater, music and of the United States won gold medals in variety of fields: nutrition, mountain ecology, economics, technology, software development, natural resources. Others are being set up on such subjects as governance, the environment and an sciences, and a Center of Advanced

Studies is being established in Tokyo. It is disappointing to see how much credence Mr. Brull gives to the sort of immendos, hearsay and unsubstantiated claims of malfeasance that usually flow from the petty in-house vendettas and frustrations typical of buresucracy in times of growth and change.

PEIDER KOENZ Bourgtheroulde, France.

Ask Any Barcelonan

Regarding "After the Crab Leg and Opera, the Real Pagan Ritual Began" (Sports, July 27): Tony Komheiser could have asked alMAUREEN MAYNES.

Oerter Went Further

Regarding "Lewis Urges New U.S. Selection Process" (Sports, July 25): The article states that "a medal in

lonia in the encyclopedia yet) and ridi-culed Placido Domingo for saying that "music and sports are intimately linked."

Anyone with four active neurons can see

common elements between the two, such

as discipline, style, drive to perfection, drythm. Mr. Kornheiser also compared

the impressive drama put on by the Cata-

lan group La Fura dels Baus to some act at the Nubian Lounge at Caesars Palace.

Buy that man a ticket to "Otello" or "Die Walkilre" or something.

politics and made ordinary wisecracks the discus throw in four Olympics in a about them. He made stupid jokes about row, beginning in 1956. In my opinion, "unique Spanish scenes" (probably be-cause he hadn't bothered to look up Cata-pian track and field athlete of all time. THORE THORESEN.

most any resident of Barcelona to explain Barcelona would make Carl Lewis the

the significance of every nuance of the first athlete to win gold medals in three

Olympic opening ceremonies to him and successive Olympics." Lewis went on to

Nantucket's Hidden Bucks Regarding "Hath Time Wreaked?"

Observer, Aug. 5) by Russell Baker: If Mr. Baker would venture south toward Siasconset or east toward Wairwinet, I believe he would find a refreshing absence of T-shirts offered on Nantucket Island, save a couple in the grocery or tennis club. Big backs there are indeed behind these modest-appearing, weather-beaten abodes, but the summer dwellers flaunt it not, and still appreciate the sights, sounds and smells of the sea.

SUZY PATTERSON.

What precious thing have we lost? How can we at least begin to get it back? Washington Post Writers Group.

GENERAL NEWS

John Cage, Universal Avant-Gardist, Dies at 79

By Allan Kozinn

New York Times Service NEW YORK - John Cage, 79, the prolific and influential composer whose minimalist works have long been a driving force in the world of music, dance and art, died here Wednesday of a stroke, a hospital spokesman said. A writer and philosopher as well

as a composer, Mr. Cage influenced far more than the musical world. He was a central influence on the

work of the choreographer Merce Cunningham, whom he had known since they were students at the Cornish School of the Arts in Seattle more than 50 years ago. Mr. Cage toured with Mr. Cinningham's dance company as composer, ac-

He was also an influence on the artists Jasper Johns and Robert Rauschenberg, who were his friends, and on several generations of performance artists.

Mr. Cage started a revolution in music by proposing that composers could jettison the musical language that had evolved over the last seven centuries, and in doing so he opened the door to minimalism. performance art and virtually every other branch of the musical avant-

German Health-Care Cuts

Have Doctors in an Uproar

1930s, Mr. Cage composed hun-aware of pain. dreds of works, ranging from early pieces organized according to conventional rules to late pieces that defied those rules and were composed using what he called "chance" processes. He composed for every imaginable kind of instrument, from standard orchestral

It Isn't Easy to Draw a Line

In a Bubbling Balkan Stew

By George F. Will

that led America to war in the Gulf. Then

the catechism of the New World Order proclaimed that aggression "will not

stand." But acting on that catechism in the Balkans would be intolerably costly.

So Serbia's aggression will be called part of something "in every sense" a civil war.

There are several reasons why the Bush

administration is blurring the clarity of

Serbian aggression. One is that drawing a line in desert sand is a lot easier than

drawing a line in the ethnic stew bubbling

The day iraq invaded Kuwait, Mr.

Bush met with his advisers and said:

"We're not discussing intervention. I'm

not contemplating any such action." But that same day he flew to Aspen, where

that same day he flew to Aspen, where then Prime Minister Thatcher was. It may be unfair to say, as a Thatcher aide did, that she "performed a successful back-bone transplant." But it is reasonable to say, as Jean Edward Smith does in his book "George Bush's War," that "those few hours with Thatcher" turned Mr. Bush character toward earlier the Jest

Bush sharply toward a policy that Iraqi aggression "will not stand."

garding Serbia, Mr. Scowcroft sacrifices

logic on the altar of prudence. Serbia's land grab against Bosnia is plainly aggression, but the political and malitary

costs of reversing it would be prohibitive.

So perhaps the world will be, at least for now, a little less disorderly if we pretend

that this is "in every sense" a civil war.

Lady Thatcher's argument for arming Bosnia's resistance to Serbia's formidable

army recalls a controversy from 55 years

ago. When General Franco led the mili-

tary rising against Spain's republican government, Hitler sent him the Condor

Legion. The Republic received George

Orwell and Ernest Hemingway. Dictators (Mussolini, too) armed Spam's future dic-

tator. The democracies declared nonin-tervention. What the Republic got from democratic societies was volunteers.

Their literary quality was high. Their mil-

itary value was less so.
But would things have been better for Spain, over time, if a flood of arms to both sides had made the civil war even

longer and bloodier? Hard to say.
But ponder this: For millennia the Ibe-

rian Peninsula has been oven by deep-

scated ethnic (some say national) differ-

ences. Catalonia is the Spanish region

whose capital is Barcelona. Its separatist

fever, fueled by linguistic and other eth-

nic distinctness, intensified Spain's mur-derous convulsions in the 1930s. That was

As the 1992 Olympics ended, the "au-tonomous government of Catalonia" ran

a newspaper advertisement singing the praises of what it calls "Catalonia,

What once was a war cry has become

an advertising slogan. Thus does time heal what nothing else can.

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then. This is now:

a country in Spain."

Again, it is understandable why, re-

in Balkan mountain valleys.

WASHINGTON — Last Saturday afternoon in Maine, George Bush

held a televised press conference con-cerning Bosnia. Margaret Thatcher, watching in Switzerland and about to

tape an interview for an American Sun-

day morning program, seethed.
When President Bush was asked

about helping to arm Bosnia's elected

government that is resisting Serbian ag-

gression, his response was almost flip-

nant. He said there were too many, not

pant. He said there were too many, not too few, arms in that region. Moments later Lady Thatcher said: "It isn't really good enough to say there are a lot of

weapons in the region. There are, and

most of them belong to the aggressor."

The word "aggressor" fits Serbia, but that word's implications are inconve-

nient. So Mr. Bush's national security

adviser, Brent Scowcroft, appearing on the program immediately after Lady Thatcher, insisted that Serbia's aggres-

sion today and Iraq's aggression against Kuwait "are fundamentally different."

croft stressed another difference: This

Balkan turmoil "is, after all, the breakup

He went on, however, to say why it is

not "in every sense" a civil war. "There

has been international recognition" of

Bosnia's sovereignty, "which transforms it legally into an international conflict."

So, is Serbia's seizure and "cleansing"

of territory aggression or civil war? "Both," said Mr. Scowcroft, eager to emancipate U.S. policy from the logic

Tell Him to Cease, or Else

THE destruction of Bosnia-Herzego-

might Americans or anyone do now?

Margaret Thatcher has provided the

answer. Give the Serbian government of

Slobodan Milosevic an ultimatum: Ser-

bia must cease military action and the

flow of weapons to Serbian forces in

Bosnia. Those forces must turn over their

heavy weapons to some international body. Bosnian Muslims must be permit-

ted to return to their devastated homes

Refusal to concur with this ultimatum

should result in the destruction by air of

Serbian military assets and the encouragement by all lawful means of Serbian

opposition groups. Serbia is not a world power. The Milosevic government must

not be permitted to profit from its vio-

lence. It is a savage, racist enterprise for

which there is no room in any new world

- Jeane Kirkpatrick, commenting

in a syndicated column

under international protection. Or else.

vina is nearly complete. What

strings to "prepared" pianos. He wrote electronic and tape works, and works that involved only spoken texts. His often impish scoring might include radios, toys, the sounds of water being sipped or vegetables being chopped. His "Europera 5" juxtaposes

19th-century operatic arias, his own instrumental music, radio broadcasts and silent TV pictures. One of his most famous and pro-

vocative works, the 1952 piece "4"33"," is 4 minutes and 33 seconds of silence, divided into three movements. He considered virtually every kind of sound potentially

"I think it is true that sounds are, of their nature, harmonious," he told an interviewer last month, "and I would extend that to noise. There is no noise, only sound. I haven't heard any sounds that I consider something I don't want to hear again, with the exception of

In a career that began in the sounds that frighten us or make us Cage, once described him as "not a "I don't like meaningful sound.

> Not surprisingly, Mr. Cage, his music and his theories of composition have always inspired debate. Traditionalists have dismissed him as a prankster, a charlatan or an

when they evoked angry responses. At a New York Philharmonic performance of "Eclipticalis With Winter Music," in 1964, for example, a third of the audience walked out and members of the orchestra

hissed the composer. "I do what I feel it is necessary to do," he said. "My necessity comes from my sense of invention, and I try not to repeat the things I al-ready know about."

Mr. Cage was the son of an inventor, and if there is a single sitions and books, it is a sense of constant innovation, improvisation and exploration.

Arnold Schoenberg, with whom he studied and whose rigorous 12tone style inhabits an end of the mporary music continuum opposite the place occupied by Mr.

composer but an inventor of gethis philosophy is "4'33"," in which mus," a quotation that Mr. Cage the performer stands silently on If sound is meaningless, I'm all for said pleased him.

> and spent part of his childhood in Detroit and Ann Arbor, Michigan, of silence itself. before moving to Canada.

> on KNX m Los Angeles when he and perform various other actions was 12 years old. He had started to using a radio, a whistle and a deck study the piano by then, and his of cards.
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> programs featured his own perfor
> As his cians in his Boy Scout troop. He

He was ambivalent about his musical studies at first. He did not regard himself as a virtuoso pianist, and throughout his life he frankly spoke and wrote of his lack of traditional musical skills, going as far as proclaiming, in his book "A Year From Monday": "I can't keep thread running through his compo- a tune. In fact I have no talent for

> In writing chance works, Mr. Cage developed a novel view of composition, in which he came to regard it not as a way of imposing order on nature, but as a way of creating the circumstances in which art could adapt to its surroundings.
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> places mentioned in the book; and the five "Europera" works, composed between 1987 and 1991.

stage. Inevitably, listeners were John Milton Cage Jr. was born forced to focus on nonmusical on Sept. 5, 1912, in Los Angeles, sounds or in the case of an unusu-

An entrepreneur from the start, er classic, he had a pianist pour he had his own weekly radio show water from one pot into another, As his works, and the varied re-

In "Water Music" (1952), anoth-

ances and those by other musi-ans in his Boy Scout troop. He ing notoriety, Mr. Cage came to be graduated from Los Angeles High increasingly in demand as a lectur-School as class valedictorian. er, teacher and performer. er, teacher and performer. His later works include

"Hpschd" (1969) for seven harpsichords, 51 tapes, films, slides and colored lights; "Cheap Imitation" (1969, orchestrated 1972), based on a piece by Erik Satie, which keeps the original rhythmic patterns but replaces the French composer's pitches with notes selected through chance procedures; "Roaratorio" (1979), an electronic piece containing thousands of sounds mentioned in James Joyce's novel "Finnegans Wake," many of them recorded in



His books include "Virgil Thomson: His Life and Music" (1959), written in collaboration with Kathleen O'Donnell Hoover, "Silence" (1961), and "I-IV," a collection of lectures he delivered at Harvard in

Max W. Salvadori, 84. an anti-Fascist resistance fighter in Italy before and during World War II and later professor of modern European history at Smith College, died Aug. 6 of cancer in Northamp-

TB Drug-Resistance Traced to Key Gene By Elisabeth Rosenthal NEW YORK - Scientists say they have identified the genetic trick that allows some strains of tuberculosis to become resistant to drugs, a finding that paves the way for new medicines to conquer the often fatal disease.

drug-resistant tuberculosis quickly. Current tests take months, and in the meantime patients receive ineffective treatment and can still poser who influenced other arts.

In the near future, it should also

lead to tests to identify cases of

current issue of the journal Nature first time anyone's located any that strains of the tuberculosis bac- thing on the chromosomes that terium that are resistant to the drug help control resistance. It's so exisoniazid, the mainstay of tuberculosis treatment, had lost a single large gene. And when the scientists reinserted the missing gene in the laboratory, the bacterium once again became vulnerable to the drug. The research strongly suggests that resistance to this drug is related to a missing or defective

copy of the gene. Since 1990, the federal Centers

for Disease Control have identified more than a dozen outbreaks of has been resistant to more than one drug. At some hospitals in New York, more than 30 percent of tuberculosis cases have some drug

To the few scientists who have labored for decades to understand the illness, the advance is clearly an intellectual delight.

"This has been an exhibarating day. This is a landmark paper, said Dr. Joseph H. Bates, professor of medicine at the University of Arkansas, who interrupted his va-The researchers reported in the cation to get a copy. "This is the

The discovery occurred as more and more strains of tuberculosis are becoming insensitive to isoniazid, which has led to an increase in the death rate from tuberculosis

around the world. While tuberculosis that responds to this medicine is reliably cured. treated with four to seven drugs. Half the people who get active

resistant strains must often be cases of drug-resistant tuberculosis

"This is the beginning of a very momentous project," said Dr. Michael Iseman, an expert on drugresistant tuberculosis at the National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine. "In the U.S. and even

By understanding how tubercu-losis develops resistance, it might be possible to modify the medicine to overcome it, said Dr. Stewart Cole of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, the main author of the Nature

derivative that was already toxic to

Also, since the advance identifies gene whose absence makes the bacterium drug-resistant, it should be relatively simple to develop bio-chemical probes to find the gene, which could determine in a matter of hours whether a patient's sputum contains drug-resistant tuber-

Ukraine Gets Gorbachev's Luxury Villa

KIEV -- President Boris N. Yeltsin has turned over to Ukraine the huxury villa in the Crimea where Mikhail S. Gorbachev was confined for three days a year ago by hard-line Communists trying to take

Mr. Yeltsin said the villa was "no good for meetings, no good for receptions and expensive to maintain." "Do what you like with it,"

the Russian leader said, ac-cording to Vasil Kurdinets, a member of Ukraine's parliament Mr. Kurdinets said Mr. Yeltsin had made his remarks during a conference at a villa near the former Gorbachev re-

Mr. Gorbachev, his wife. Raisa and other members of his family were held incommunicado at the villa until street protests in Moscow, encouraged by Mr. Yeltsin, forced the coup leaders to give up.

Backers of Saudi Jet Deal Press Bush, Citing Jobs By Michael R. Gordon two-seat model of the air-to-air version of the from pro-Israel lawmakers, if the White House

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - President George Bush

is facing a decision on the sale of advanced F-15 fighter planes to Saudi Arabia, an issue franght with election-year politics as well as sensitive foreign policy considerations. The question of whether to proceed with the

\$5 billion sale of 72 of the warplanes has been percolating for months. But it was brought to the fore this week after

Senator Christopher S. Bond, Republican of Missouri, urged Mr. Bush during a White House meeting to move quickly on the sale. Congressional supporters quickly spread the word that Mr. Bush had responded that the sale was under serious consideration. Administration officials said later, however, that no deci-

sion had been made. Proponents of the sale believe that the coming presidential election, as well as the administration's decision to grant loan guarantees to the Israelis, make this the moment to move. Defense companies, union officials and con-gressional proponents of the sale have mounted a major lobbying effort.

The roots of the debate over the sale go back to early this year when Sandi Arabia formally asked to buy 48 F-15E and 24 F-15H planes. The F-15E is an advanced air-to-ground attack configuration of the F-15, which the air force used during the Gulf War. The F-15H is a If the administration decides that the sale

should be made, it could involve the sale of somewhat less advanced versions of the aircraft to try to mollify critics. McDonnell Douglas Corp., the Missouribased company that builds the F-15, has been

eager to see the sale go through. The company has no new orders for F-15s and unless foreign sales are made it will have to shut its production McDonnell Douglas officials say that 20,000 aerospace jobs could be lost by next year if the

administration does not approve the F-15 sale

this summer. Subcontractors will be especially hard-hit, they say.

The House Democratic leader, Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri, and 25 other lawmakers sent Mr. Bush a letter on Aug. 5, urging him to proceed expeditiously with the sale to avert thousands of layoffs" and warning that the

Saudis may buy British Tornadoes if the United States refuses to sell F-15s.
In recent weeks, it appeared as if the administration would wait until after the November elections to approve the sale.

approve loan guarantees to Israel as an opportunity to seek a quick White House endorsement of the sale. The loan guarantees, proponents say, will insulate the Bush administration from criticism

But proponents have seen the decision to

proceeds with the sale. And the election-year focus on the economy, they say, will raise the political cost of not approving it.

■ Rabin Warns on Sale

Norman Kempster of the Los Angeles Times reported from Washington:
Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel, sketching the limits of his newly proclaimed partnership with Mr. Bush, says his government would object strongly if the United States at-tempted to sell the warplanes to Saudi Arabia.

military balance of the Middle East and require Israel to add to its own arsenal to keep pace. And in a barbed reference to the Bush administration's policy of siding Iraq before it invaded Kuwait, Mr. Rabin said that the region was so unstable that Washington could never

be sure that aid to the Saudis would not also

Mr. Rabin said such a deal would upset the

prove to be a serious mistake. "I know everybody would tell you, 'After all, Saudi Arabia is a friendly country, an ally of the United States." Mr. Rabin said in response to questions after a speech to the National Press Club. He also cited the Saudis' participation in the allied military operation that drove Iraqi

forces out of Kuwait. "They are all good reasons." Mr. Rabin said But I heard the same argument about Saddam Hussein four, five months before he invaded."

more in the developing world, resistance to isoniazid has become a major problem." Although there are other drugs to treat tuberculosis, they are generally less effective, more expensive and have more side effects.

The gene implicated in the experiments makes an enzyme that probably activates the drug, he said, "so perhaps we could make a

the bacterium."

Meerschaum Pipes: A Waning Tradition

Hard Times at Carving Capital in Turkey

By Barbara Rosen

SKISEHIR, Turkey — Here in the heart of meerschaum country, most people smoke cigarettes. For hundreds of years, Eskischir has provided the white mineral that's been fashioned into pipes, plain and fancy, for European aristocrats and less noble connoisseurs. For decades, it has been the capital of pipe carv-

But the casual visitor could easily pass through this dusty city and never know where he had been. It isn't full of cool, rich-smelling smoke-shops, or signs shaped like sultan's head pipes. Turks don't come looking for meerschaum pipes. And foreigners don't

come through here much anymore either. The Turkish word for meerschaum - luleusi - isn't used that often; the market has always been export. Meerschaum is German for "sea foam." but the mineral is actually hydrous magnesium silicate. Smokers praise its cooling powers; collectors covet the fine carvings an artist can produce from the soft, light material and the rich amber color it turns from absorbing nicotine.

On a busy street lined with shops selling power tools, auto parts and shaves, a small sign marks the seat of the Koncak family, wholesale purveyors of meerschaum since 1934. The establishment takes up one corner of the mezzanine in a small, dim arcade,

between a café and yet another barber shop. The Koncaks receive visitors in a sitting room adorned with an array of smooth, white pipes — a bald eagle, a bare-bosomed figure-head, skulls, bulls, and pipes that just look like pipes — and the ubiquitous portrait of Ata-turk. lonizers keep at bay the dust from the streets and from the workrooms next door.

Before the Gulf War, Nurhan Koncak rarely stopped for lunch, because of the stream of tourists and buyers flowing through. Now weeks go by with no visitors, she says. Demand from Europe and the United States is healthy enough, says her brother, Sedat. But they don't take big orders anymore. It is too hard and too expensive to get enough meerschaum, and too hard and too expensive to train and keep accomplished carvers. After three generations, Sedat, 39, and Nurhan, 35, look like the end of the Koncak line.

Ten years ago, Koncak sold up to 35,000 pipes a year. Today, the number is 12,000 to 20,000. "Maybe two, three, five years later, this business will be finished, because of the raw material." Nurhan says.

Their grandfather started out exporting raw meerschaum, which in the 1970s became harder to get licensed. Forty-five years ago, their father, Ekrem, was the first to export finished pipes. Ekrem taught himself to carve and, in a time-honored tradition, taught his son. (In another time-honored tradition, he didn't teach his daughters.)

The quality, as well as the quantity, of the living in Paris.

clined a lot in the last 50 to 100 years, Sedat says, although experts say it is still better than any found elsewhere, such as in Soma-

Young people are no longer interested in mining meerschaum, which must be done deep and by hand, Sedat says. Koncak owns three of the mines that dot the land about 20 kilometers (12 miles) outside of town. Two are closed; the third produces just 50 to 70

Even if he could get material to teach with, Sedat says, young people are not willing to take the time to learn to carve.

"If I find somebody who wants to learn, I have to spend so much money," Sedat said. "When he learns, he says, Bye-bye. I'm going off on my own.' " The best make for the south coast and carve small pipes, jewelry and stat-ues for the tourist trade.

Even Koncak's better carvers have difficul-ty differentiating pipe-head characters by more than just the hats. Next-door, two men sit on ripped chairs before a table piled high with white heads, sanding and threading holes for the mouthpieces. Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson, to be sold in sets, have identical faces. So do sultans and Zeuses. Each head is then dipped in beeswax, with the bowl interior protected, so that the pipe will absorb only nicotine, not dirt from soiled hands. A good carver can make three to four heads a day, but it takes up to six weeks before a finished pipe is laid into its custom-made, velvet-lined box.
"In the classic shapes and things, he pro-

duces real quality stuff," Paul Bentley, owner of Astleys pipe specialists in London, says of Koncak. But "the whole feeling about Turkish carving is it's sort of mass production. . . . I don't think the carvers today are as good as they were in the 19th century. They're not as

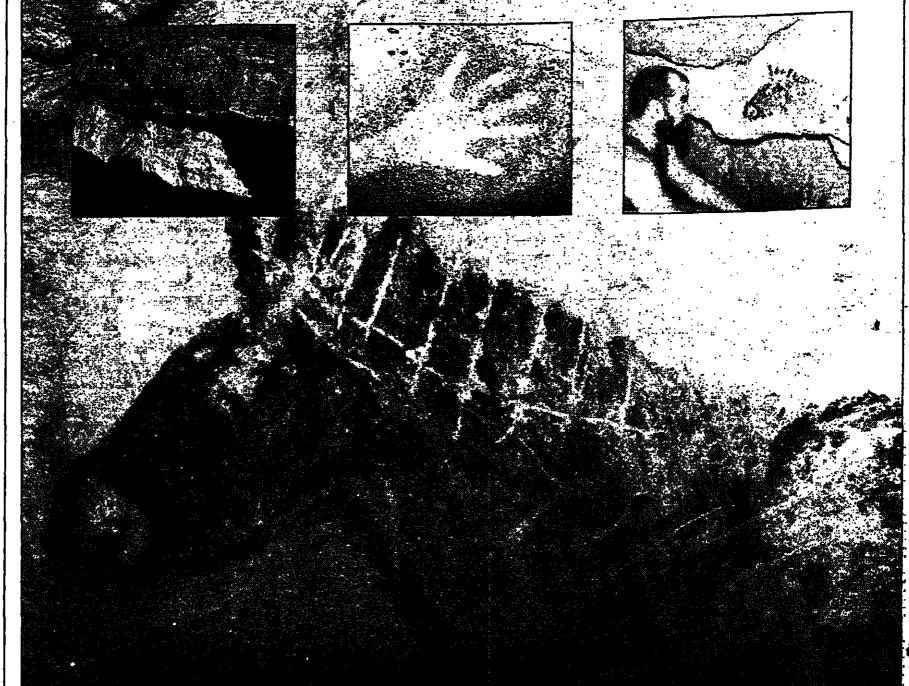
Today's buyers of new pipes don't want works of art, Nurhan says.

EDATS most prized possession is a 148-year-old pipe the size of a tele-phone, bearing the seal of the Vien-nese master Reischenfeld and four horses carved in exquisite detail. Its detachable mouthpiece is made with real amber, not the synthetic compound Koncak uses today. Sedat puts its value at \$40,000.

Tourist guides to Turkey usually mention at least meerschaum, if not Eskisehir. A visit to the covered bazaar in Istanbul yields pipes at every turn. But rather than keeping this traditional industry alive, Sedat says, tourism will

be its death—by promoting low-quality items made from pieces he would throw away.
"It is meerschaum, but it's not good quality," he says of what is generally on sale in Turkey. "It's not the right way to introduce

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Painting of a horse discovered in the cave at the calanque of Sormiou (left inset) by Henri Cosquer (right); a handprint from the cave (center).

Port of the Future vs. Prehistoric Cave

By Laura Colby

ARSEILLE — The calanque of Somiou, an inlet surrounded by chalky jagged promoners and scuba divers from nearby Marseille willing to brave a narrow, tortuous road to enjoy its rugged beauty.

But Sormiou's tranquillity could soon be shattered by a combination of forces from its own distant past, and what some hope will be its not-too-distant future.

In recent months, the calanque has turned out to be the home of prehistoric cave paintings that could be the underwater rivals of those in Lascaux. At the same time, the mayor of Marseille is hoping to include Sormion in his plans to turn his declining city into one of the largest pleasure ports in the Mediterranean, drawing more tourists to the area and filling the city's dwindling coffers.

Whether these two developments, and the calanque, can peacefully coexist is far from

The painted cave was discovered last summer by a local diver, Henri Cosquer. He found a hollow nearly 40 meters (130 feet) below the surface of the sea that concealed the entrance to a tunnel. The diver swam through the tunnel, nearly 200 meters long, until he arrived in a subterranean cavern that was above the water level.

There, he was astonished to find the walls covered with drawings of animals: galloping horses and bison, deer and bears, and a rotund creature with flippers that appears to

Part of the cave was marked by what appear to be handprints in reverse, surrounded by black, charred outlines, Archaeologists so far have been mystified by the origin and meaning of the handpriots; at first, their presence caused some to suspect that the cave was the work of modern-day graffiti artists. Those suspicions have proved unfounded, however.

An archaeologist from France's National Council for Scientific Research examined the cave shortly thereafter and the Ministry of Culture immediately gave it protected status. In the next few weeks, the ministry cave has been named in honor of its discoverer, a historical monument.

tory Society, indicate that its paintings may be even older than those in Lascaux, in the Dordogne region, which date from the early Magdalenien phase of the Upper Paleolithic era, about 17,000 years ago. They appear to be the oldest artistic traces

The first studies of the cave, published

recently in the Bulletin of the French Prehis-

left by man in the coastal region of Pro-vence; up to now, only practical items such as tools have been discovered from that period on this side of the Rhône River.

At the moment, the calanque has the fortune of being located in one of the rare protected areas on France's southern coast: there are no time-share apartments, no hotels, not even electricity or running water to mar its stark splendor. It has only about 300 residents, mostly fishermen and their families descended from the poor Marseillais who first colonized the area in the last centu-

But that may soon change if the Socialist

mayor of Marseille, Robert Vigouroux, has his way. Environmentalists became alarmed when his latest urbanization plan sought funds for a feasibility study to add running water, a sewage system and 5,000 new telephone lines in the area of the calanques. Their fears gained consistency when Vigouroux's tourism attaché, Jeanne Lafitte,

told a local magazine that the calanques should develop cash-generating enterprises. To environmentalists, it's only a small step from cash-generating enterprises to holiday villages. They fear irreparable damage to the site's natural beauty.

Philippe Grenier de Monner, an official at the archaeological division of the Culture Ministry, says that any building near the calanque, "would certainly pose the risk of pollution seeping through the rock and damaging the fragile milieu" of the cave.

PPONENTS to building have formed a coalition that runs the earnut from the local Greens party to the right-wing National Front to marine biologists. Grenier de Monner notes that the area where Sormiou is located. between Marseille and Cassis, was designated a protected site by the Environment Ministry in 1975, and it is not easy to declassify such a site without the national government's approval. .

It will take many years before the Grotte

Cosquer is fully explored, catalogued and explained. Research by a special squad of archaeologists with diving skills is scheduled to begin in September 1993, said Grenier de Monner. "Given the location and the difficulty of getting there, and the fact that the teams can only stay in the cave for a short time, research will proceed slowly." he add-

The mystery of how the submerged cave came to be painted is explained by its age, archaeologists say. At the time of the paintings, the level of the Mediterranean was much lower, so the entrance was above water. The Provence of the time would hardly be recognizable today: Its freezing climate as more suited to the pe nguins of the cave paintings than to today's sun worshippers.

Only after studies are complete can it be decided how and when the Grotte Cosquer can be admired by the public - if ever, said

The Lascaux caves, discovered in 1940 and opened to the public, have been closed since 1963 because of the deleterious effects of crowds of visitors on the cave's delicate atmosphere. French authorities are hardly ready to repeat the same mistake with the latest discovery, and have rejected, for now at least, a proposal to drill an above-ground entrance to the cave.

As Henri Cosquer put it in his recently published account of the discovery of the cave: "Lascaux is there to teach us prudence. It would be a shame to destroy in a few years a work that has remained secret for so many

Playing It Again, Again and Again

Elaborately carved meerschaum from the Dunhill museum, London.

By Mike Zwerin

ARIS - Guitar star Al Di Meola reports that a certain jazz radio station he knows refuses to program music that "gets too passionate."
There is absolute, documented policy prohibiting records that exhibit too much emo-

Beware. Di Meola can so OD on passion, be named one of his albums "Kiss My Ax." But he has a point citing (in Musician magazine) GRP Records as one company which has drained so much emotion and passion from its aheady Wallpaper Music catalogue that a number of similar stations have adopted it as a signature sound on the cutting edge of today's trendiest trend, Mediocrity.
GRP's roster of artists includes an impres-

sive list of some of the finest contemporary instrumentalists playing the most elegantly Mediocre music this side of Kenny G. They are gifted musicians who dedicate their careers to denying their gift. It's hard for Smart players to play Dumb on purpose.

Dumb Music has made money before,

witness Lawrence Welk. But it was in the name of some higher purpose — cha-chacha, fun-in-the-sun, striptease. Dumb is now generic. Mediocrity is the name of the game, the end not the means.
GRP has just released a big-band album on

GRP has just released a tig-band airum on the occasion of the label's 10th anniversary. Tracks include "Airegin" (Sonny Rollins), "Donna Lec" (Charlie Parker), "Rine Train" (John Coltrane), "Footprints" (Wayne Shorter) and "Maiden Voyage" (Herbie Hancock) played by Lec Ritenour, Randy Brecker, John Patitucei, Tom Scott, Dave Wash! Donn Gersin Asture Sandowal and Weckl, Dave Grusin, Arturo Sandoval and

other topnotch soloists and session sharks. From the album notes: "It was, for all these great instrumentalists, a joyous labor of love, and it is this sentiment that you hear throughout this recording." It would seem

that GRP still recognizes passion and emo-tion when they hear it. Trouble is that this desperate plea for respect ("there's a spirit bere that makes this album unique") is forever in your face. It sounds like Saturday night in Caesar's Palace. If this is joyous imagine what sad can be.

The GRP All-Star Band sounds like the jazzistic equivalent of "Batman Returns," which I recently saw in a town I'll cail Low Expectations, Florida, Critics have been admiring Batman's "look," as if to say that if Hollywood has a "look" how bad can it be? But a look is only to be looked at GRP has a "sound." A sound is to be heard. Shouldn't we ask for more? Content, for example? We are lulled to satisfaction by so little. ("Great titles," I overheard a neighbor say watching

We have been served up so much Mediocrity, even explosions have come to be consided aesthetic statements. The good citizens of Low Expectations are up to their Bermuda shorts in civic pride because it is their courthouse which explodes so artistically in Lethal Weapon 3." The building was slated

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■ Looking down on us from Mars, Elvis must be smiling. For years the King was listed as having only 49 gold or platinum records. Now, AP tells us, a new audit lists him as having 110 gold or platinum records, more than twice the number of his nearest rival, the Beatles. An RCA spokesman said the audit was based on business files of the singer's former manager. Tom Parker. We knew there was a rock 'n' roll

for demolition anyway, so it's good ecology

as well as art. You remember Art, Art was the name of Neil Young's dog. For the last three years of his life, Miles Davis jilted art in favor of a love affair with the top of the Billboard chart. He wanted hits. Now with "Doo-Bop" (WB), a post-mortem album including unfinished tracks posthumously overdubbed and supervised by members of the Hip Hop establishment, you think Hit Time may finally have arrived until it becomes clear that Miles's trademark trouble-making emotional trumpet is no-where near Mediocre enough.

NDUSTRY executives believe the public prefers to see and hear what it has already heard and seen. (They are probably right, but who started it?) This explains all the film remakes and sequels; and the dusted-off, lifted and tucked 60s rockers. The Grateful Dead's continued success is based on being familiar and Mediocre rather than a great band. The Count Basic Orches tra, Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels, and the Steve Miller band still pulling them in on the road. Ironically, Wynton Marsalis, who is creating genuinely adventurous new music, is a success at least in part because it is based on renewing familiar old sounds (King Oliver,

Duke Elimeton).
A television scap suffered no drop in ratings when it began to program reruns. Viewers were apparently unaware they were re-runs. Often, it hits readers of Elmore Leonard novels that they've already read this one—they finish it anyway. As Mick Jagger said, when you get a hit don't mess with it. Rerun the old soaps, play the old licks. Explosious are all alike.

Vaciav Havel told Time magazine: "I came to this castle and I was confronted with tasteless furniture and tasteless pictures. Only then did I realize how closely the bad taste of rulers was connected with their bad





Polly Walker in "Enchanted April"; John Lithgow as a psychologist who kidnaps his child in "Raising Cain."

Directed by Mike Newell

"Enchanted April" revolves around the appealing notion that a trip to Italy, specifically to a medieval castle with a glorious view of the surrounding countryside, will care any ills The voyagers are four colorfully incompatible Englishwomen (Josie Lawrence, Miranda Richardson, Joan Plowright, Polly Walker) who all discover, to their delight, that travel can indeed be a broadening experience. Each has changed visibly for the better by the time this soothing, picturesque film ar-rives at what is quite literally a rosy ending. "Enchanted April was based on a 1922 novel by Elizabeth von Armin. But it un-

thought of as Merchant-Ivory-Forster territory. The ladies are well bred, the scenery is lovely and the dialogue is polished and polite. (Janet Maslin, NYT)

Unforgiven Directed by Clint Eastwood,

"Unforgiven" is Clint Eastwood's 36th movie, and, with its impressive (and sadly under-used) supporting cast of Gene Hackman and Morgan Freeman, the actor-filmmaker's most ambitions shot yet at a "classic" western; that is, a western in the larger-than-life mythic tradition. But it's also a modern, revisionist western that attempts to debunk the myths and add an ingredient of moral and historical realism to the genre. When we first meet has just managing to scrape by as a pig farmer and father. After his wife dies, though, Munny falls off the wagon hard. And so, when a young would-be gunslinger (Jaimz Woolvett) shows up at Munny's place offering to split the \$1,000 bounty for killing a couple of bad hombres who slashed up a prosti-tute's face, he decides to strap on his guns one last time and join up. What we're supposed to feel is the spiritual agony of a reformed man who, once again. is forced to confront the demons of his past, in particular his own murderousness. By now, though, Eastwood has lit-tle more than a paint-by-num-

bers approach to acting. We re-

late to Munny more as a

compendium of Eastwood's

carlier characters than as a liv-

ing person. (Hal Hinson, WP)

William Munny (Eastwood), he

Raising Cain Directed by Brian De Palma. U.S.

"Raising Cain," a delirious thriller starring John Lithgow as a child psychologist and a man with at least three more personalities than he really needs, finds Brian De Palma creating spellbinding beautifully executed images that often make practically no sense. Working with an exhilarating sense of freedom, he seems to care not in the least what any of the it really means. The results are playful, lively and no less un-strung than Dr. Carter Nix him-self. Lithgow has a field day with an indescribably loony role, one that amounts to an invitation for scenery-chewing excess; instead, this subtle, careful actor stays very much in control. (Janet Maslin, NYT)

Sidewalk Meals: Good Food for the Money

By Patricia Wells national Herald Tribune

ARIS - As much as Parisians love dining outdoors, the majority of out-door dining spots fall into two cate-gories: awful and expensive food in great surroundings, or decent food on noisy, traffic-infested sidewalks. Here are two inexpensive restaurants that offer quiet sidewalk terraces, and good food for the money.

Like a breath of refreshing mediterranean air. Le Vivario is a small, bustling, relaxed Corsican bistro-trattoria specializiog in simple, nustic cuisine of Corsica and Sicily. Everythin I've sampled comes across with a real sense of authenticity: That is, flavors are dense and fully developed, and the kitchen seems to let ingredients speak for themselves. For starters, try the aubergines à la sic-lienne, slices of fried eggplant layered with a bit of ragu, a rich tomato sance and a touch of cheese, or the moules à la sicilierne, huge bowls of steamed mussels topped with that same rich tomato sauce. There are always one or two pasta dishes on the menu (the rigatorii sauce with pancena, tomatoes and cheese is dependable), and main courses include a fine leg of lamb served with white beans; poached sansages and white beans: and cobri rôti, or roasted goat. For dessert, order the refreshing orange vénitienne, whole pecled oranges poached in a light symp and topped with

The Corsican house red is heady, the good baguettes come from Boulangerie Beauvallet down the street, the lat grey cat's name is Ravioli, and in the summertime, one can't go

orange zest

wrong by reserving a table on the small side-walk terrace of the quiet residential street.

HEN you've had your fill of bianquette de veau and steak frites, Les Délices d'Aphrodite is the spot to go for a little Mediterranean-style cuisine and ambience. It's not exactly a plane trip to Greece, but you'll be sure to leave in a cheery mood: The Mayrommatis family operates a lively, youthful, and busy little restaurant right across from the Saint-Medard church. Decorated in sky blue and white, this casual restaurant offers good value for the money. Diners often share plat-ters, or simply order a single course.

The food is delicately spiced (seasoning could be a bit more authoritative), clean, and

not be as good as what they have at home,

they come away disappointed. On the other

hand, think about how exciting it is to stum-

ble upon the Rue du Bac (a chic, boutique-lined Left Bank street) for the first time,"

refreshing. I've eaten my way through much of the menu, and recommend the lovely spinach and cheese phyllo triangles; the moussaka; the nice warm herb and meat-stuffed grape leaves; and the fabulous sheep's milk yogurt, served with honey and walnuts. Un-less you're a big fan of Greek wine, stay with the French. A Sammur-Champigny is always a good bet.

Le Vivaria, 6 Rue Cochin, Paris 5; tel: 43.25.08.19. Closed Sunday, Monday, and September. Credit cards: American Exp September. Creat caras: American Express, Diners Chib, Visa. A la carte, 100 to 150

Les Délices d'Aphrodite, 4 Rue de Candolle, Paris 5; tel: 43.31.40.39. Closed Monday, Credit card: Visa. A la carte, 80 to 150 francs.



John Baldessari's "Ship in a Frame" on display in Nice.

In Paris Shopping, the Fine Art of Bewaring

By Alexander Lobrano

ARIS -- Ever since Paris succeeded in beating back recent challenges to its status as the fashion capital of Europe, it's been in the midst of a designer bounque boom. And the competition among the world's major designers to be catavagantly present in the city has served to reinforce its rightful claim to another superlative title — the best shopping city in Europe. But Paris stands elegantly aloof from boosterism. Yet, even if the city abounds in specialized nooks and cranners that are devoted exclusively to everything from honey (la Maison de Miel) to decorative door knobs and locks (Lejeune), it's not always the easiest city to shop in. An ignorance of the basic nuts and bolts of this code, along

non-francophone foreigners. For every visitor who goes away triumphantly toting a long sought-after gift, it's safe to say that at least as many will be packing something that will be quickly tucked away in a drawer or banished to the

with other key bits of information, can, in

fact, turn the capital's exquisite boutiques into a sort of psychological battlefield for

back of the closer. Short of having a local friend show you through the shops, how does one get the best out of Paris shopping? People who know the city well can work from the Paris Gault-Millan guides, either in French (preferably, since the listings are much more extensive) or English, and so design personalized shop-

ping safaris.
"The Berlitz Travellers Guide to France" also has a good shopping chapter, and French-speaking bargain-hunters should also note the French guide "Paris Pas Cher" (Flammarico), which gives you the bottomline on good buys not only in terms of clothing but also restaurants and even the-ater rickets. Promostyl's "Cities of Fash-

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ion," published by Frank Books, has a large paris. Too many visitors head right for the section on Paris.

And on this subject, several bargain-shoppers tips: Bourjois, a French makeup line available at the Uniprix and Monoprix discount variety stores is made by the same company that supplies Chanel; the Rue d'Alé-sia (14th arrondissement) for discounted designer clothing including Cacharel and Sonia Rykiel, among others; the Rue du Paradis (10th) for marked-down china, crystal and silver, and more discreetly, the Rue Saint Placide (6th) for inexpensive sportswear and designer seconds are good places for finetoothed bargain-hunting

The best guide for shop-happy English-speakers, though, is Maribeth Ricour de Bourgies. Ricour de Bourgies is the author of "The Chic Shopper's Guide to Paris," a comprehensive shoppers' guidebook that departs from the idea that the rituals and behaviors of shopping in Paris are a vital adjunct to the sacred French arts de vie, or arts of daily life, Such as laying an original-looking table or creating attractive bouquets of flowers.

"Boutiques are an essential part of life in

Do dress the part. Like it or not

Tax Refunds

appearances matter a lot in Paris.

Do save your receipts. You may need

Don't let patronising shop assistants make you loose your cool. Courtesy is your

says Ricour de Bourgies, a native of Troy, New York, who has lived in Paris since 1985. New York, who has need in rains since 1963.

Her guide provides a good solid briefing before outlining several different walking-shopping tours. Beyond these tours the book contains more than 500 capsule descriptions of the city's best shops, along with other information that Ricour de Bourgies has

gleaned from running Chic Promenade, a shopping-tour service she founded five years ago. "My whole approach is to be selective and discriminating," says Ricour de Bourgies, 30, who is married to a French photographer. "Whatever you do, don't "Shop until you drop." Ricour de Bourgies believes that this characteristically price-driven North American approach to shopping doesn't generally work for short-stay visitors. "Go out and enjoy and relax instead. Otherwise you'll end

them for tax refunds when leaving the

Do familiarize yourself with the customs laws of the country where you reside.

Do beware of insistent shopping suggestions from your hotel concierge, since

many earn commissions from the shops

Chatty Concierges

up pressing your nose against the window of the wrong shop window, and shopping will become more of a burden than a pleasure."

It was, in fact, as a trial rather than a treat the Ricour de Bourgies first experienced shopping in upstate New York. "I have memories of feeling faint in overheated, fluorescent-lit department stores," she says. Still, she acknowledges that her nascent shopping instincts were honed in another uniquely American institution - the manufacturer's outlet, where the manufacturer sells directly to the consumer. "It was in Cohoes, New York," an old milltown that's become a manufacturers-outlet shopping hub for the Northeast, "that I first really learned to shop, since you had to have some sort of a plan to survive the place."

In her office in an attractive, spacious and meticulously decorated apartment in the 17th arrondissement, a long way from Cohoes, Ricour de Bourgies enthusiastically conveys her Parisian shopping expertise. She organizes shopping tours for fees ranging from \$80 to \$100 a participant in groups of four to six.

"The first pointers I'd give any novice to Paris shopping are that you should make an effort to fit in," she says. "Leave your sneakers at home, for example, and dress to the level of the shops you're planning to visit, and also that you can't expect to remain anonymous in a French boutique. No one walks into a shop without the obligatory Bonjour or leaves without a Merci, an revoir.' This just isn't done. Shopping here is very interactive. Ideally, the dialogue between the shop assistant and the customer is a form of theater that both of them enjoy when it's mutually well-understood.

"I'm not here to help people go to Hermès, I want to introduce them to the little places that they might not find on their own."

Alexander Lobrano is a journalist based in

Belfort (tel: 38.40.92). To Sept. 15: "Dall et Toulouse Lautrec a Bruges." Includes some of Dall's sculptures, poems and watercolors, and Toulouse-Lautrec's oil paintings and posters.

BRITAIN

BELGIUM

Design Museum (tel: 403.6933). To Nov. 1: "Type and Image." Some of the most striking work by European and American designers who are at the cutting-edge of graphic design.

Musée d'Art Moderne et d'Art Contemporair (tel: 93,62.61.62). To Sept. 6: "Projects: Pier 18." Photographs by Acconci, Merz, Sera and Baldessari, among others, in collaboration with Harry Shunk in 1971. To Sept. 27: "Mirror Self-Portrait." Installation by Joan Logue.

Le Louvre des Antiquaires (tel: 42.97.27.20). To Oct. 4: "The Gardens of the Baron Haussmann." Works of the city planner who equipped Paris with fountains, gardens and lights during the reign of Napoleon III.

CERMANY

Roemer und Pelizaeus Museum (tel: 936 90). To Nov. 29: "The World of the Mayes." Mayan artifacts, mainly from the museums of Belize, El Salvador and Honduras.

Museo Correr (tel: 52.06.288). To Sept. 30: Sculptures, drawings, paintings, clay and plaster models by neoclassical sculptor Antonio Canova.

Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum (tel: 3823.6921) To Sept. 23. "Treasures from the Palace Museum, Beijing." Commemorates the 20th anniversary of good diplamatic relations between China and Japan.

Van Gogh Museum (tel: 20 570 52 00). To Oct. 4. "A Great Artist is Dead." Letters of condolence on the death of Van Gogh by such people as Gausson and Toulouse-Lautrec

SCOTLAND

Fruitmarket Gallery (tel. 225 2383) To Sept 12: "Raimund Girke: Paintings "Paintings by the artist whose works have been termed "a drama of

SWITZERLAND

"International Festival of Music" (tel 23.35.62). Focuses on European music, includes piano pieces and dance music by Schubert, and Beethovan's Piano Concerto No. 4. To Sept. 9.

Kunsthaus (tel: 251.67.55), To Sept. 27; Exhibition of "physic-architectural" works of Anselm Stalder, one of Switzerland's most prominent

UNITED STATES

New York

Guggenheim Museum (tel: 423,3500). To Aug. 27: "The Art of This Century," The newly renovated gallery displays 250 works of modern European and American art.

Corcorar Gallery (tel: 638.3211). Sept. 13: "From Sea to Shining Sea: A Portrait of America." International premiere of of more than 105 color



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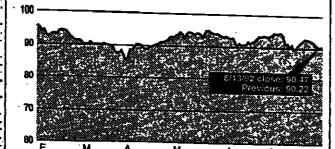
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Would a Dose of Takeover , Cure What Pains Syntex?

By Lawrence M. Fisher

AN FRANCISCO — In the best of times, Syntex Corp. has been the subject of takeover speculation simply because it is one of the few remaining relatively small independent companies in the traditional pharmaceuticals industry. So when the company announced a shortfall in earnings a week ago, sending its share price plunging, analysts speculated anew.

Syntex shares fell to a 52-week low of \$29.375 on Friday, after the

company said fourth-quarter carnings would be equal to or just above the 38 cents a share it reported a year earlier. Analysts had estimated earnings at 41 cents to 51 cents for the quarter, value of this stock? which ended July 31. Thursday afternoon, the shares were at

\$30,125, down 75 cents for the day. Syntex is best known as the developer of the birth control pill. But it has derived the bulk of its revenue in recent years from naproxen and naproxen sodium, anti-inflammatory drugs used to treat arthritis pain. The patent protection on naproxen expires in December 1993, opening the door to generic competition.

What is the takeout

But Syntex said last week that sales of naproxen had already slowed and that sales of new drugs had been below expectations. It said sales of ketorolac, a drug for severe pain, had increased significantly over the fourth quarter of 1991, when it was available only in injustable form. But had been flat compared with the third only in injectable form, but had been flat compared with the third quarter of 1992, when the oral form was first shipped. A drug to help prevent strokes, tichid, also has been disappointing.

"Syntex had what appeared to be a full pipeline to offset the naproxen products coming off patent," said Patricia Padgett Lea of Vector Securities International. "What has happened is as these products have come out, they have consistently disappointed. The next question is what is the takeout value of this stock?" Some analysts said that the prospect of a takeover has prevented

Syntex's stock from sliding still further.

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Jerry Brimeyer, an analyst with Lehman Brothers, said Syntex's margins had been hurt by the need to spend money for marketing its new drugs. "If they continue to throw money at it and there are

no sales, that affects the bottom line," he said.

Steven B. Gerber, an analyst with Oppenheimer & Co., said the prospect of a takeover was unlikely because Syntex lacked strong research and development for future products, strong distribution and a strong base of existing products with reliable sales.

Hanson Out of Canary Wharf

LONDON - The British-American conglomerate Hanson PLC Thursday abandoned talks on Olympia & York's Canary Wharf development in

London, leaving just one offer on the table for Europe's biggest office complex.

Canary Wharf's administrators met with the project's 11 bankers to discuss a bid from the former Salomon Brothers Inc. vice chairman, Lewis Ranieri, and the Loews Corp. chairman, Law-rence Tisch. "It is a serious offer and they will be considering it further," Paul Taylor, a spokesman for the project's administrators, Ernst & Young, told the International Herald Tribune.

Hanson, one of the strongest financially of a half dozen bidders, dropped out after what its chief executive, Derek Bonham, described as a pro-longed look He told the International Herald Tribune, "We have decided that the necessary financial obligations do not meet our objectives." Canary Wharf songht protection from its credi-

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reacted with suspicion Thursday to the clinching of the North American Free Trade Agreement, with Japan saying it would ask GATT, the world

with sapan saying it would ask CAII. the world trade supervisor, to inspect the new grouping. But the European Community said it welcomed NAFTA, which links the United States, Canada and Mexico, provided the partnership agreed to abide by the rules of the General

The accord would gradually link the United States, Canada and Mexico in a free-trade zone

comprising 360 million people with an annual output of \$6 trillion. It must be ratified by

By Clyde H. Farnsworth

New York Times Service TORONTO - Prime Minister Brian Mul-

roney has opened his campaign to sell closer North American trade ties to a skeptical Cana-

dian public. Business leaders generally en-dorsed the free-trade pact just concluded by the

North American countries, but the political

opposition, including organized labor, tried to

Bob Ree, premier of Ontario and a member of the Socialist-leaning New Democratic Party, alluded to U.S. politics and charged that the pact had "everything to do with the Republican convention next week and nothing to do with

the interests of the Canadian economy or Cana-

Mr. Mulroney dismissed Mr. Rae's remark as

"beneath requiring any comment" and said Canada had achieved its main objectives, which

Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The United States's trade partners in Asia

tors in May. Its bank creditors, owed more than £550 million (\$1 billion), were discussing an offer from the U.S. consortium valued at £350 million. Canary Wharf, in London's once-derelict Dock-

lands, was intended to be the centerpiece of ambitions plans to regenerate the area. The £3 billion project has been hit by failing real estate prices.

Only the U.S. consortium has put money on the table. Mr. Tisch, chief executive of CBS Inc., and Mr. Ranieri are leading the consortium, according to financial sources, who said the group was assem-bled by Paul Reichmann, head of O & Y.

■ Hanson Earnings Are Down

Hanson PLC said it earned £274 million before taxes in the third quarter ended June 30, down from £379 million in the same period a year earlier, Bloomberg Financial News reported from London. Sales in the third quarter totaled £1.9 billion pounds, down slightly from 1991.

In Japan, an official of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry said Tokyo wanted GATT to set up a working group to examine as soon as possible whether the new group conforms to multilateral trade rules.

vestment, fears the pact could lead North Americans to divert investment and trade from Southeast Asia to Mexico, officials said.

Thailand threatened retaliatory action if exports were harmed; South Korea urged counterparts.

vest closer to home. development within the world economy and in-Singapore, a major beneficiary of U.S. in-ternational trade." (AFP, Reuters, Bloomberg)

Asia Looks Warily at Trade Agreement

trade barriers," he said.

It seems Japan "will suffer from stronger

Japan is particularly concerned about rules

regarding automakers. Under the pact, cars would have to incorporate 65 percent local con-

tent to qualify for tariff cuts, up from 50 percent accepted by the United States and Canada now.

agreement would prompt U.S. companies to

Mulroney Fights Uphill to Sell Canadians on Pact

were to gain greater access to the Mexican market and protect its 1989 free-trade agree-

Ottawa had entered the three-way talks late

Canadian-Mexican trade is modest, amount-

ing to only \$3 billion in two-way business last year, compared with \$200 billion in trade be-

tween Canada and the United States. And

thanks to exports of cars and fruit and vegeta-

bles to Canada, Mexico enjoyed a surplus of \$2

But this year that surplus is being whittled down. Canada's exports to Mexico in the first five months of 1992 more than doubled, with

automotive parts scoring the biggest gain. Imports from Mexico were up only 12 percent.

A number of large companies-such as SHL

and defensively, fearing that opportunities hard won in its 1989 pact with Washington could be

ment with the United States.

East Asian countries said they worried the

Treasury Bonds Sell Off

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON - U.S. Treasury bond prices plunged Thursday following the government's auction of 30-year bonds, as traders sold securities on signs that few retail buyers had supported the sale and Wall Street firms paid too much.

The market also took a hit from reported comments by James A. Baker 3d, the newly appointed chief of staff for President George Bush. A news service report said Mr. Baker described lower tax rates as fundamental to Mr. Bush's re-

Traders interpreted lower taxes as a boost to the economy and a drag on revenues, which is not welcomed with the budget deficit projected to be \$350 billion this year.

Thailand threatened retaliatory action if exports were harmed; South Korea urged countermeasures; and the Philippines backed acceleration of the formation of a regional trading bloc. In Europe, while the EC Commission wel-

comed the pact, a spokesman said, "We do not want to see this become a closed trade bloc."

Its director-general, Arthur Dunkel, said, "Bear-

ing in mind the size of the markets involved, the

conclusion of this agreement represents a major

Systemhouse Inc., Northern Telecom Canada

Mexican infrastructure projects.

intensive and low-wage sectors.

Furniture Manufacturers Association.

Ltd. and Bombardier Inc. stand to benefit from

But reaction in the business community was

not universally positive, particularly in labor-

"The question is how we survive against lower wages from Mexico," said George Sin-clair, executive vice president of the Ontario

Organized labor, in the form of the 2.3-

million-member Canadian Labor Congress,

fired a broadside, calling the pact part of an economic agenda that is destroying jobs and

"The federal government is showing nothing

but contempt for Canadians," said Bob White, chief of the powerful labor group, which he said was "gearing for an ambitious action plan."

The reaction to the pact was neutral at GATT.

The decline was led by large sales interest, were only \$354 million. The

bonds at an average yield of 7.29

The outstanding 30-year bond percent, a record low cost of financing for the government. The soared to 7.41 percent from 7.32. Treasury said 97 percent of the bids at 7.29 percent, which also was the

highest yield, were accepted.
At first glance, investors read the auction as positive, "but when they saw how many were taken at the high," the market quickly reversed, said Philip Smyth, an analyst at Birinyi Associates.

In addition, noncompetitive bids, generally a sign of retail investor

of bond futures, said traders at the yield on the new sold bonds surged

Chicago Board of Trade.

Earlier, in what was deemed a successful conclusion to the three-part quarterly refunding, the Treasury sold \$10.07 billion of 30-year and the successful conclusion to the three-part quarterly refunding the Treasury sold \$10.07 billion of 30-year and the successful conclusion to the three-part quarterly refunding the Treasury sold \$10.07 billion of 30-year and the successful conclusion.

The decline came despite a trio of government reports showing that At first glance, investors read the average yield of 7.29 percent at the average yield of 7.29 percent at the leaving the Federal Reserve Board room to cut interest rates.

"The picture that's emerging here is the consumer is sitting dead in the water with his billfold zipped

Mired Euromarket

Shows Bank Shift

By Carl Gewirtz

PARIS - The Euromarket, for decades a source of unbridled credit expansion, is mired in a slowdown, the Bank for International Settlements reported Thursday.

For the BIS, the Basel-based market monitor, the relatively moderate \$60 billion increase in the volume of net financing raised in the international banking and securities markets in the first three months of this year reflected the delayed economic recovery and weak credit demand in the industrial world.

But the data also showed a profound shift was under way that could mean a much dampened future even when the overall economic climate turns more buoyant.

This was signaled by the renewed decline in the interbank market, where banks lend to each other, creating a fountainhead for most other business. The interbank market contracted by \$183 billion last year, its first annual decline.

The downturn appeared to have petered out by the fourth quarter last year, when business expanded by nearly \$89 billion.

contraction resumed in the first quarter of this year with a decline of \$85 billion. This brought the cumulative reduc-tion since the end of 1990 to 5.5 percent, the BIS noted.

As in the past, the bulk of this contraction was due to the withdrawal by Japanese banks, which scaled back interbank positions \$74 billion in the latest period. But a special chapter on activity in East Asian countries showed that interbank activity in Hong Kong and Singapore had largely been spared from the worldwide cutback by Japanese players.

Elsewhere, banks in Europe cut their interbank positions by \$14 billion.

The interbank market is one of the least profitable areas of activity, with profit margins traditionally only 1/2 percentage point. This makes it the most vulnerable sector since banks. prodded by the recent agreement on capital-adequacy guidelines, focus activity where profits are highest.

International specialists said there was no way yet to gauge how much of the interbank contraction was due to the de-See BANKS, Page 11

Moody Buenos Aires Singing Market Blues

By Don Podesta ington Post Service BUENOS AIRES - If Argentines had a mood index, Economy Minister Domingo Cavallo sug-gested, it would show that "there are moments when we get euphonic, almost touching the sky, and then we get depressed."

Lately, these mood swings have been reflected in the Buenos Aires stock market.

Last year, it shot up 400 percent, but since late June has lost 38 percent of its value, according to Martin Redrado, head of the commission that regulates Argentina's capital markets.

Mr. Cavallo's economic plan —

pegging the peso to the dollar, re-duction or elimination of trade barniers and selling state enterprises — has been credited with drawing billions of dollars in foreign invest-

The currency is stable and the overnment has remained steadfast support of free-market principles, but the stock market neverthe-less has the jitters.

Part of the reason for the slowdown has nothing to do with Argentina, Mr. Redrado said, but is much more complicated.

Under his theory, Ross Peror's flirtation with politics in the United States scared the Mexican markets because of his opposition to the North American Free Trade Agreement. "Investors in the U.S. don't differentiate" among Latin American countries, his reasoning

continues, and the performance of the Mexican market "sent a bad

signal" about everyone.

But the more typically Argentine element in the Buenos Aires market's troubles has to do with the traditional spirit of speculation

During the periods of chronic hyperinflation, Argentines played the game of continually buying and selling dollars and taking them in and out of bank deposits to capitalize on fluctuating exchange and in-

With Mr. Cavallo's stabilization plan, that window was slammed shut, and, Mr. Redrado said, "people thought the stock market would

Hurt in the latest downturn have been the thousands of small investors caught up in stock-market fever in the past year, many of whom invested with money borrowed

from banks. We had 11 bullish months, so people weren't used to it going down," Mr. Redrado said.

"Here we see all the conflicts" between the government's economic restructuring plan and in the way Argentines traditionally have done business, said Enrique Zuleta, a pollster on political and economic ssnes whose clients include Citi-

Many ordinary Argentines, he said, "were used to living on specu-lation on the dollar" and went into the market strictly in hopes of a See ARGENTINA, Page 11

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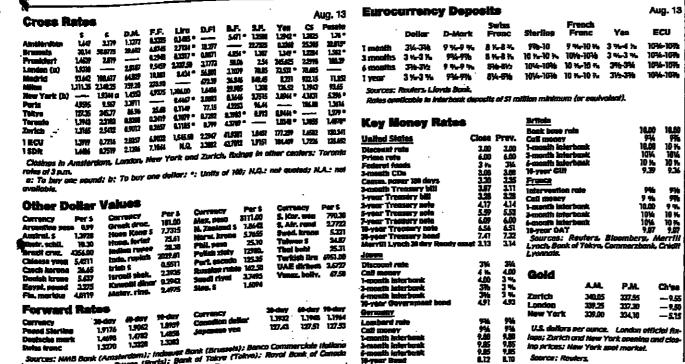
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Bond Rout Drags Stock Prices Lower

mitments.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — Wall Street major concerns to get people out of the market, and no significant incentives for them to make any comstocks ended lower Thursday, pressured by a rout in the Treasury market that knocked the 30-year bond down by more than a point. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 7.56 points, to 3,313,27.

N.Y. Stocks

Excluding a 5.40 point rise in the Dow on Monday, most stock prices have been in a downturn since last

Decliners outnumbered advancers by a 7-6 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume rose to 186 million shares from 177.4 million on Wednesday.

Bonds sold off after the 30-year anction, which apparently drew little retail demand

"There's been very little else, particularly since recent economic statistics have been fairly neutral," said Bradley Turner, chairman of McDonald & Co.'s investment pol-icy committee. "I think the auction became the most exciting thing to

David Holt, director of technical research at Wedbush Morgan Secu-rities, said the stock market seems

to be at a standoff. "There are no

General Motors, Tele-Communications, Syntex, American Software, and Gap were the five most actively traded U.S. stocks. GM fell % to 36% after reporting

a 1.3 percent decline in early August car sales. Tele-Communications rose 1 to 19% after the nation's largest cable systems operator reported second-

quarter earnings from continuing operations of 4 cents a share, compared with a loss of 5 cents last year. Northrop fell % to 25% after the company said it would take a thirdquarter charge of \$152 million for its troubled cruise missile program.

American Software plunged 4% to 9¼ after the company said it expected to report earnings for the quarter ended in July of 8 to 12 cents a share, down from 20 cents last year because of lower-than-expected new software license sales.

Gap, which gained % to 32, began to recover from a 13 percent plunge in the past two sessions.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

Dollar Slides Again, **Intervention Is Awaited**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — The dollar ended at its lowest level of the year against the Deutsche mark on Thursday as traders ignored betterthan-expected U.S. economic news. Traders said Tuesday's interven-tion by the U.S. Federal Reserve

Foreign Exchange

Board and more than a dozen other central banks had not brought any real relief for the dollar and that the threat of further intervention hung over the market.

"The market is trying to probe out a floor and maybe rouse the central banks," said Lisa Finstrom, an analyst at Shearson Lehman. There could be a showdown between the market and the banks." Traders said as long as U.S. eco-

nomic fundamentals were weak, the dollar would stay under pressure. The dollar finished at 1.4553 Deutsche marks, down from 1.4632 DM on Wednesday, and at 126.52

yen, down from 127.30 yen. The U.S. currency slipped to 1.3080 Swiss francs from 1.3205 francs, and to 4.9375 French francs from 4.9630 francs.

The pound rose to \$1.9344 from \$1,9305.

The dollar rose after the release of reports showing U.S. jobless claims fell 66,000 in the latest week, inflation dropped 2.9 percent in gold," said James Nevler, an analyst with Commodity

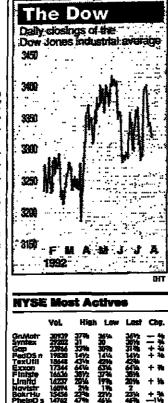
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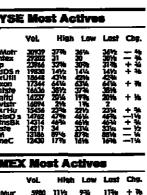
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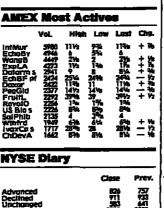
July and retail sales rose 0.5 percent, but the gain soon evaporated Earlier in London, the dollar also was lower, trading at 1.4595 DM, down from 1.4633, and at 127.23 yen, down from 127.72 yen.

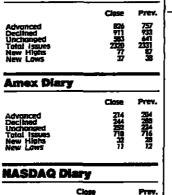
The pound fell 0.45 pfennig, to 2.8183 DM, its lowest point against the mark since joining the European Monetary System's exchange-rate mechanism. Data showing that British unemployment rose by 29,100 in July hurt the currency.

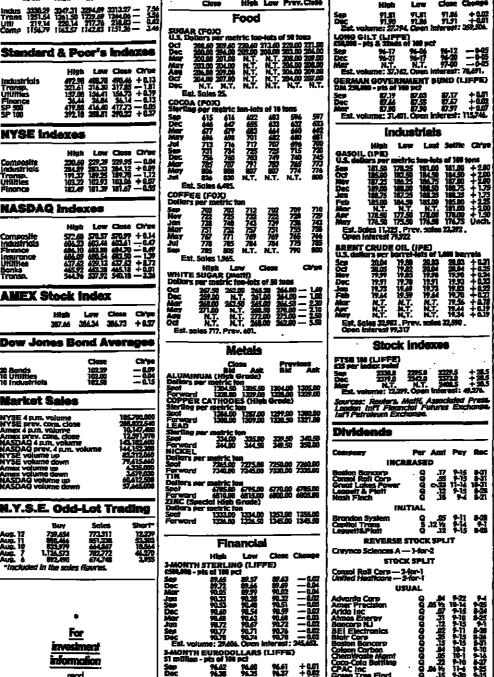
"Sterling is falling out of bed completely," said Eddie Tofpik, a trader with Esprit Brokers Ltd. Having broken through a chart support level at 2.82 DM the pound so far gone, it's like trying to hit something that's punch drunk."
(UPI, Bloomberg, Renters)











Early August U.S. Car Sales Drop DETROIT (Bloomberg) — U.S. sales of North American-produced cars in early August slumped to an annual selling rate of 5.7 million, down from 6.7 million in late July and 6.1 million in the same period a year ago.

Sales of light trucks, however, sold at an annual pace of about 4.6 million m from 3.3 million a second annual pace of about 4.6 million, up from 3.3 million a year earlier, as buyers replaced cars with

minivans and sport-utility vehicles.

Viewed as the main strength of the U.S. vehicle industry in recent months, light trucks accounted for 44.5 percent of the domestic market in

the period, up from 37.5 percent a year ago. Kerkorian Ends Bid for Chrysler Seat

HIGHLAND PARK, Michigan (Renters) — The billionaire investor Kirk Kerkorian, after meeting with Chairman Lee Iacocca of Chrysler Corp. and his hand-picked successor, Robert Eaton, decided to withdraw the his bid for representation on the company's board of directors, the automaker said. Mr. Kerkorian is Chrysker's largest single shareholder, with a 9.8 percent stake.

Martin Marietta Revises LTV Bid

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Martin Marrietta Corp. raised the cash portion of its \$440 million bid for LTV Corp.'s aerospace business by \$79 million Thursday, now offering to pay \$425 million of its bid in cash. A rival group, led by Loral Corp., said it would not change its \$475 million bid. Loral has offered to pay \$450 million of its bid in cash.

Gap Profit Up 10% in 2nd Quarter

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — The Gap, Inc., the casual clothing company, reported earnings of \$37.7 million, or 26 cents a share, for the second quarter ended Ang. 1, up 10 percent from earnings of \$34.2 million, or 24 cents a share, in the like quarter last year.

Sales in the second quarter totaled \$614 million, up 17 percent. Without the inclusion of new sales outlets, revenue rose only 5 percent. The earnings were slightly above Wall Street expectations.

For the Record

Homestake Mining Co. said it would cut 180 jobs and close several existing offices by the end of the year. The restructuring would result in onetime costs of about \$14 million.

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(Continued from first finance page) up," said Frederick Storm, an economist at Fuji Securities.

The consumer price index increased 0.1 percent in July, reflect-ing weak demand for goods and services, while retail sales gained 0.5 percent last month after a revised June decline of 0.3 percent.

Weekly claims for unemployment insurance, swinging wildly because of furloughs at General Motors Corp., posted the largest decline since Jimmy Carter was president. But, at 403,000, the level of claims did not suggest businesses were hiring legions of new workers.

Taken together, the statistics suggested the recovery was not gaining momentum despite numerous interest rate cuts by the Fed ntended to stimulate the economy.

The Congressional Budget Office, however, said that it did not believe the Fed would lower interest rates further in the near future and that the economy was on the verge of a slow, self-sustaining recovery. In its midyear economic and bud-

get outlook, the CBO said the economy would "respond only tepidly to easings actions already taken. David Wyss, another economist

at DRL/McGraw-Hill, said that givon the weak economy it was likely the Fed could cut rates again. But he said it was unclear whether another cut would be any more effective than 23 previous reductions have been in the past three years. The Labor Department said the

July rise in the consumer price index was the best showing since a similar 0.1 percent advance in May. (Bloomberg, Reuters, AFX, AP)

Metals Sell-Off Pursues Its Global Run

NEW YORK - Precious metals prices extended their losses to a second straight day in the United

States, following sharp falls in Europe.
In London, platinum dropped to \$353.50 an ounce, about \$14 below Wednesday's close, while gold finished at \$337.30, down \$9.50. New York felt the effects of the European slide, and

dropped to \$334.10, off \$5.15 for the day.

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Research Bureau. "I don't see any reason why gold cannot fall to \$300."

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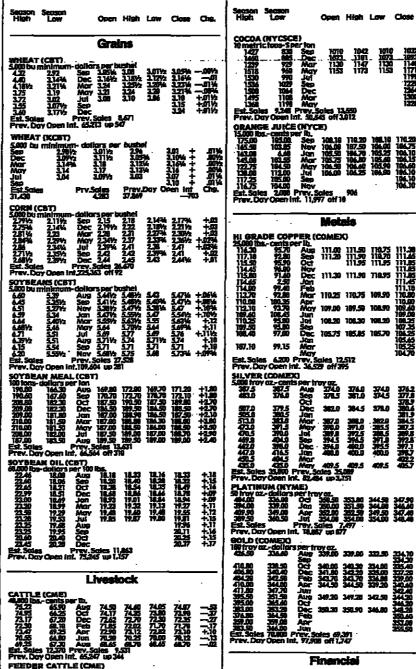
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Glimmers of Light for Britain Manufacturing Output Rises, Inflation Falls

LONDON - The beleaguered British government got a rare bit of good news on Thursday with the release of data showing that manufacturing output rose 0.2 percent in June while inflation withcred.

The British Treasury was quick to seize the uncommon advantage. Citing the rise in manufacturing, a spokeswoman praised the "distinct improvement in this key sector of the economy."

Private-sector economists were distinctly less inclined to celebrate. "The output numbers do provide a chink of light for the government, but the gams probably won't be sustained," said Nick Stamenkovic, an economist with DKB International in London. He cited the persistent lack of demand as the key brake on production.

What is more, the outlook for any improvement in consumer appetites for finished goods received a modest setback Thursday with the report of a seasonally adjusted rise of 29,100 in unemployment in June, to percent of the work force, a five-year high. That jump followed an unusually small rise of 3,600 in May. With joblessness still rising, albeit at rates below those of late 1991, it is difficult to see consumers loosening their purse strings any time soon, economists said.

In spite of the recession, however, British industry continued to improve its competitive position via strong productivity gains and by slowing the rise in wages. Average earnings gains, as well as unit wage costs, continued to sink in June, according to data released Thursday.

Andrew Milligan, an economist with Smith New Court Securities, suggested that growth in unit wage costs could actually hit zero later this year from the 1.7 percent expansion recorded in the three months ended in June. Average earnings rose at a 6 percent annual rate in June, the lowest rate of increase in 25 years.

Absent from the figures released Thursday was any indication that Britam's long-lingering recession was actually ending. Basically, even the manufacturing output figure merely confirmed the picture of a flat economy. Most observers still say there is considerable

Revamp Hits

WPP Profit

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

PLC, the world's largest ad-

vertising company, said

Thursday that pretax profit

plunged to £1.8 million (\$3.5 million) in the first half from

The 88.8 percent drop in

profit included a £12.72 mil-

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LONDON - WPP Group

pressure on the government to respond with policy mitiatives. "The government is still in a tight corner, it is just not quite as tight as it was," said Simon Briscoe, an economist at Midland Montagu,

Only Wednesday there had been rumors that the increasingly embattled chancellor of the Exchequer, Norman Lamont, had resigned. While the chancellor remains, so do the pressures on him to stimulate the economy. Indeed, in recent weeks business leaders have put forth proposals for everything from a devaluation of the pound to more government spending on railroads, inghways and other infrastructure projects.

While a devaluation is still seen as economically risky - and for the Tories politically spicidal - the idea of a fiscal boost for the economy has won broad

Many private forecasters expect the government's spending to outstrip its income by an amount equal to 5 percent of gross domestic product this year and 6 percent next year. There is not a lot of room to maneuver on the fiscal side," said David Mackie, an economist at J.P. Morgan. On the other hand, Britam's deficit is not out of line with those in countries such as

the United States, Germany or Belgium. While there may be room to expand the deficit a bit, the effect of doing so may prove disappointing. "If people are looking for an increase in public spending to boost the economy now, it is too late," said Andrew Dilnot, director of the Institute of Fiscal Studies. Especially when it comes to the sort of big-ticket capital spending plans favored by many would-be government advisers, the lags are dispiritingly long.

"If you want to buy new trains or build new roads it is not like walking around the corner and buying a Mars bar," Mr. Dilnot said. The planning alone for such expenditures typically takes a year or more.

Another problem with widening the government's deficit is that the European Community's treaty on economic and monetary union sets out a deficit limit of 3 percent of GDP. That target must be hit by the beginning of 1997 if countries want to cast aside their currencies in favor of a single European currency.

ARGENTINA: Moody Markets

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quick killing. Many companies issued stock only to find cheap credit for refinancing short-term debt or to raise operating capital.

Thus, there has been very little investment in plants or production, with all the money that has churned through the stock market in the past year, Mr. Zuleta said. Mr. Cavallo disputed this, arguing that rising sales in certain sectors such as light trucks and cement indicate that some real investment is going

Before exceptional items, Last week, James R. Jones, head pretax profit rose 11.5 percent. of the American Stock Exchange, to £145 million, from £13.0 and the Securities and Exchange million a year earlier. WPP said Commissioner, Mary Shapiro, were it would not pay a first-half dividend. Revenue totaled £2.5 in town to look over the Buenos Aires market and its regulating billion, up from £2.4 billion. mechanism. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

Mr. Jones and his counterpart

here signed a memorandum of understanding that calls for the Buenos Aires exchange to make avail-able the same kind of information the SEC requires in the United

Both Ms. Shapiro and Mr. Jones were upbeat on efforts by the Argentine market to adopt U.S.-style policing, such as rules against insider trading, a concept virtually unheard of here until not long ago.

"Companies here are familyowned, and people like to keep things close," Mr. Redrado said.

Mr. Jones was optimistic, indicating he could see Buenos Aires as a regional financial center for the countries in the fledgling Mercosur trading area — Brazil, Uruguay, cowboy casino," he cantioned.

Affiliates Undercut KLM Profit

By Barbara Smit Special to the Herald Tribune

AMSTERDAM - KLM Royal Dutch Airlines posted Thursday a 71.7 percent drop in first-quarter earnings, surprising analysts and sending its stock price sharply lower. Profit for the quarter that ended June 30 fell to 38.4 mil-

lion guilders (\$23.3 million) from 135.9 million guilders in the same period a year earlier. chiefly because of a sharp rise in financial costs, which reached \$1.3 million guilders. Analysts said these costs reflected the consolidation of Air Littoral, a French airline

controlled by KLM.
KLM's other overseas inestments also were a heavy drag on profit. These included Northwest Airlines in the United States and Air UK in Britain, which generated the bulk of this sector's losses of 60.9 million guilders, compared with a loss of 25.8 mil-

lion guilders a year earlier. The earnings, which were below most analysts' expectations, initially drove KLM's stock about 8 percent lower on the Amsterdam exchange. But as the realization spread that operating earnings had actually increased, the price recovered. KLM closed 4.5 percent

lower on the day, at 27.70. "The yield again was bet-ter," said Louis Chaillet, transport analyst at Credit Lyonnais, Oyens & van Eeghen, referring to fares as a percentage of distances flown. "Quite good in fact, compared with other European airlines like British Airways."

French Firms' Sales **Affirm Weak Economy**

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches PARIS - Weak first-half sales francs. growth reported Thursday by many French companies points to the sluggishness of the economic recovery here and could lead to downgrades in earnings forecasts, analysts and economists said.

"The lower-than-expected sales mean the economy is still in a weak phase and that it's too soon to see a recovery," said Adam Kindreich, an analyst at Kleinwort Benson.

Several leading French companies reported modest growth in first-half sales, typically of around 5 percent, and some posted declines. The troubling factor is that the slide in sales spans most sectors, analysts said.

The slow recovery in the United States and a recession in Germany, France's biggest trading partner, are behind the weaker-than-expected figures, analysts said.

The Hachette SA media company reported a 2.4 percent drop in sales, to 14.51 billion French francs (\$2.9 billion) in the first half from 14.87 billion francs a year earlier, although excluding special factors sales rose 3.6 percent.

At Michelin, the tire maker, sales

rose 5 percent, to 34,8 billion

L'Oréal SA, which reported firsthalf sales growth of 10.4 percent, saw its rate of sales growth slow to 6.2 percent year-on-year in the second quarter from 15.6 percent in the first quarter.

Among construction comp which have also been hit by a worldwide shamp in the property market, Borrygues SA reported rise of 1.5 percent in sales, to 30.43

Société Nationale Elf Aquitaine, the state-controlled oil company, said sales rose 6.6 percent in the half, to 98.86 billion francs, while Thomson-CSF, the defense electronics company, posted a 10 per-cent drop, to 14.76 billion francs.

Despite the general disappointment, there were some strong per-formers. Assurances Générales de France posted a 10 percent rise in sales, and in the computer software sector, Cap Gemini Sogeti SA's sales rose 17 percent.

Bruno Rosche, an equities analyst at Nomura Research Institute London, said the consensus among analysts at the beginning of 1992 was that corporate earnings would rise around 17 percent this

For Boeing, a Lab in Moscow

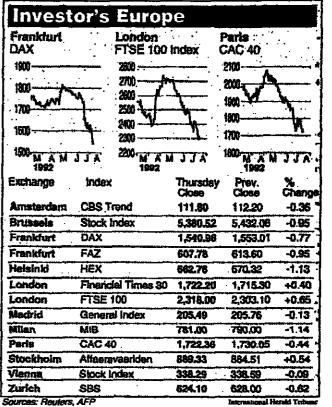
SEATTLE — Boeing Co. will gain a foothold in Russia's long-closed aerospace industry with a research center in the Moscow area, the company said Thursday.

"There is a tremendous amount of technology there," said Larry Clark-

son, a Boeing vice president. One example is the world-class collection of wind tunnels and test facilities at the Tsagi research institute in the suburb of Zhukovsky, which is under consideration as the Boeing site.

When it opens early next year, the Boeing center will employ as many as 30 Russian engineers and scientists.

In a separate development, Boeing is seeking to enter the joint venture with British Airways and Aeroflot that would create an international



Very briefly:

• EC Commission sources said that the spring at Thonon-les-Bains France, would no longer figure among assets Nestle SA must sell to gam clearance of its takeover of Source Perrier SA; the town of Thomon claims it is the true owner of the spring.

• Royal Insurance PLC has separated its British life insurance business into Royal Life Holdings Ltd. but said this did not mean that the latter was about to be sold. Royal Insurance said it had a pretax loss of £79 million (\$152 million) in the first half of 1992, slightly narrower than the loss of £97 million a year before.

 Tabacalera SA, the Spanish tobacco company, predicted that parent net profit this year would rise to 16.0 billion pescas (\$170.4 million) from 14.2 billion pescas last year, largely due to higher taxes on tobacco.

Spain's underlying inflation, which excludes foodstuffs and energy prices, rose 0.3 percent in July and 6.7 percent for the year, overall inflation climbed 0.3 percent and 5.2 percent from a year ago.

 Norway's trade surplus in July fell to 4.8 billion kroner (\$832 million) from 5.1 billion kroner in June and 4.8 billion kroner a year earlier. Bloomberg, AP, AFX

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BANKS: BIS Data Show Long-Term Shift Toward Sluggish Euromarket

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pressed level of economic activity and how much to a long-term trend away from such business, which would point to a dimmer future for expansion of the Euromarkets.

Japanese banks worldwide reduced their assets by \$141 billion in the first quarter. The BIS estimated exchange-rate shifts, at about \$90 Paragnay and Argentina — and billion. This still left the Japanese maybe for other South American the largest single force in the marcountries as well. "But not if it's a ket, but their overall share was at a six-year low of 31 percent.

Overall, the BIS data showed that net bank lending in the first quarter rose \$30 billion. For the year ended in March, the increase totaled only \$55 billion, which was "less than one-seventh of the in-

crease in the previous 12 months." Japanese nonbank entities renaid about \$14 billion of international bank debts during the quarthe effective decline, adjusted for ter, while the largest takers of funds were Italian, accounting for about \$21 billion, followed by U.S. and German borrowers.

New lending to Asia rose only \$1.6 billion, largely to South Korea.

and in Latin America by \$3.5 bil- bonds will mature during the rest lion, largely to Mexico and Brazil. of this year, and next year's re-Lending to Eastern Europe rose demptions are expected to total \$900 million \$260 billion, of which 30 percent is

The total net financing figure of equity-related paper issued by Jap-\$60 billion provided in the first anese companies in the late 1980s. quarter resulted from a sharp increase in the placement of shortand medium-term Euronotes and for bonds approached \$1.14 trillion bonds. While bond issues totaled a in the first quarter. quarterly record high of \$98 billion. most of this was due to borrowers replacing "the unprecedented vol-

ume" of maturing debt, estimated at \$57 billion. An additional \$135 billion of

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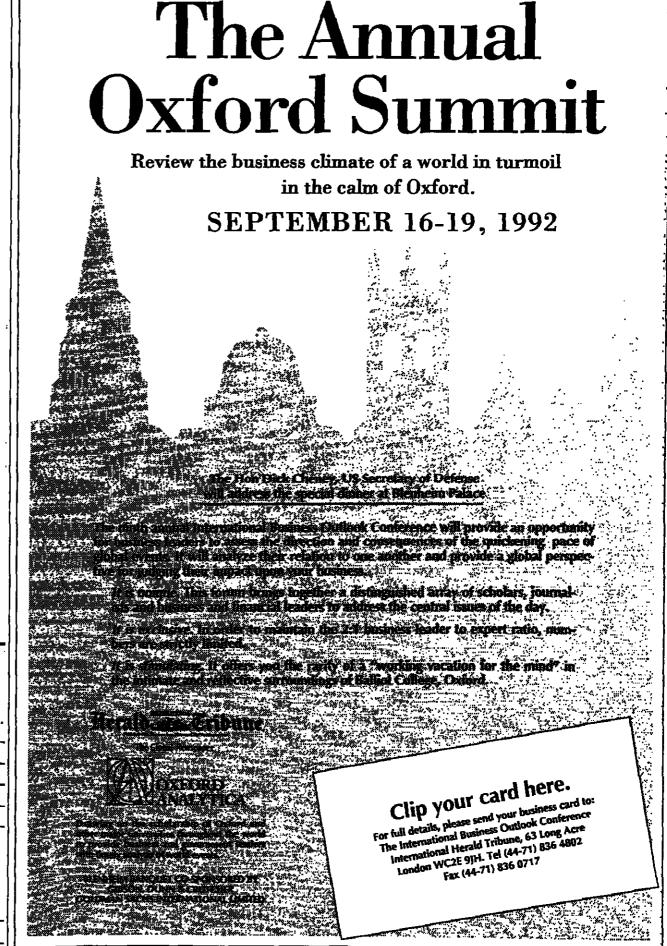
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Bankruptcy Tide Widens in Japan

TOKYO - Japan's crumbling economy pushed more companies into bankruptcy during July than in any other month since early 1987, a private

research group reported Thursday.

The Teikokn Data Bank, which tracks company failures with liabilities of over 10 million yen (378,155), said 1,213 companies failed in July 3.6 percent more than in June, and 38.6 percent more than in July 1991.

It was the highest number of bankruptcies in one month since March 1987, when the government had completed a series of interest rate cuts, bring-

Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Pres

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ing the official discount rate to its lowest level ever.

Government officials say the statistics show business failures, already common in the real estate and securities industries, are spreading to the so-called real economy. Umil recently, officials have contended the policies that brought down inflated land and

equity prices would not harm the broader economy.

Tokyo Shoko Research, a private research agency that also tracks bankruptcies, said failures smong small manufacturers and distributors in July increased faster than those of real estate and securities firms, signaling increasing weakness in the real economy. (UPI, Bloomberg)

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Japanese Surplus Soars 35% With EC

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches earlier. It was the Japan's sixth-TOKYO — Japan's trade surplus soared to a record for the month of July, widening most against the European Community, as demand for imports in the falter-

ing domestic economy faded. The Finance Ministry said the overall surplus rose to \$9.24 billion last month, not counting seasonal factors, from \$6.6 billion a year

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largest surplus ever, the ministry said.

Analysts said weak demand for imports, rather than an export drive by manufacturers, best explained the bulging surplu An economist at Tokai Bank said, "The trend will continue as long as the domestic economy does

not recover." The Finance Ministry said the 40.0 percent year-on-year rise in the surplus also reflected stronger overseas sales of motor vehicles, especially in the European Com-

munity and Asia.

The surplus with the European Community climbed 35.1 percent, to \$2.50 billion from \$1.85 billion a year ago. Exports to the Community increased 14.9 percent, to \$5.35 billion, helped by shipments of motor vehicles and office equipment. The surplus with the United States rose to \$3.83 billion from

\$3.01 billion, with exports growing 9.4 percent, to \$8.39 billion. Total exports rose to \$29.47 billion, up almost 11 percent from July

Economists said the data could feed concerns of a political backlash

the point that Japan should be pushing domestic demand as the way to improve their economic growth." The surplus with the newly announced North American free-

Australia Keeps GDP

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches

praise from the government althe pace of growth remained dangerously weak.

central bank, but faded in late U.S. cents, after opening at 71.87, then slipped to 72.05.

Gross domestic product for March quarter, the Bureau of Statistics said. That put the an-nual growth rate at 1.6 percent. It was the fourth consecutive

Treasurer John Dawkins said while the figures showed recovery was "still relatively modest," he remained confi-dent activity would "continue to gather pace and broaden."

But analysts were wary. Characterizing the recovery as "strugging," the chief economist at Merrill Lynch, Warren Bird, said, "These are very, very week numbers."

Observers said the slow growth likely a big deficit in the budget to be released Monday. (AFP, AFX, Bloomberg)

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Hong Kong

 Affied Group Ltd. said it expects trading in its shares and a number of its subsidiaries, suspended Wednesday at the request of Hong Kong's securities watchdog, to resume in the next few days.

Taiwan's minimum monthly wage was raised by 12 percent, to 12,365 Taiwan dollars (\$494.60).

 Southern detergent factory, Thong Nhat match factory, Hai Hung materials company and Long Bish sawmill all asked to be withdrawn from Vietnam's pilot project for limited public sale. Overseas Union Bank Ltd. proposed a one-for-four renounceable rights

issue at 3 Singapore dollars (\$1.86) a local share and 3.06 dollars a foreign share; group net profit rose 20.4 percent, to 45.88 million dollars.

 Malaysis plans to ban all eigarette advertising by the end of the year. Hitachi Ltd. said it would invest 100 billion ven (\$787 million) over the next seven years in a variety of programs for environmental protection.

Sumitomo Bank and Hokkaido Takushoku Bank were scolded by the Japanese Finance Ministry for making \$240 million in unauthorized overseas money transfers for a man facing charges of fraud.

• Oki Electric Industry Co. started joint production of two types of flash memories with Catalyst Semiconductor Corp. Nissan Mutual Life Insurance Co. closed its office in New York at the

end of July as part of its move to cut operating costs. • India's cabinet has approved two oil refineries to be set up by the Hinduja group and International Petroleum SA.

• The Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. posted a modest 1.2 percent profit rise of 2.4 billion pesos (\$96.2 million) for the first half. AP, Renters, AFP, Bloomberg

On Track

SYDNEY — Australia's economy expanded in the quar-ter that ended June 30, drawing though analysts cautioned that

The Australian dollar rallied on the data with the help of the trading. It rose as high as 72.15

> the quarter edged up a season-ally adjusted 0.6 percent, after a revised 0.4 percent gain in the quarter of growth.

last year, while imports advanced 1.1 percent, to \$20.23 billion.

from Japan's trading partners.

A U.S. official said, "We've made

trade area, comprising the United States, Canada and Mexico, amounted to \$3.9 billion. (Reuters, UPI, AFX)

Hang Seng Puts Reserves in Dividend

HONG KONG - Hang Seng Bank Ltd., controlled by HSBC Holdings PLC, announced a 22 percent increase in profit for the first six months and said it would pay a final dividend of not less than 1.11 Hong Kong dollars (14 cents) a share, reflecting last year's disclosure of secret

The total 1992 dividend would be at least 1.67 dollars, representing a 67 percent increase over 1991. Net first-half earnings totaled 2.34 billion

Last April the bank revealed hidden reserves of 7.09 billion dollars. Inner reserves attributable to shareholders plus property and investment surpluses not recognised in the accounts amounted to 12.97 billion

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Orioles Fly High In Jays' Dome For 11-4 Victory

By Mark Maske

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TORONTO — The Baltimore Orioles are suddenly making themselves right at home in a building that has usually been a high-tech house of horrors for them.

the Toronto Blue Jays' once-imposing pitching staff — and accelerated their own ascent toward first place in the American League East

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- by pounding line drives toward virtually every unoccupied bit of real estate at the SkyDome for an 11-4 victory Wednesday night.
The Orioles got three hits and five runs batted in from Mike Devereaux as they closed to within one game of the division-leading

Blue Jays. Baltimore pounded out 15 hits, 14 in the first seven innings against starter Jimmy Key and reliever Mike Timlin, to win for a second straight day and improve to 2-4 this

season at the SkyDome. The Orioles had dropped 14 of their last 20 contests in Toronto before Tuesday night's 3-0 victory. The space-age facility holds many painful memories, including that of a 1989 series when a division title

slipped from their grasp.

Devereaux led the way, increas-

Another Angel Fallen

Los Angeles Times Service ANAHEIM, California The Angeles, who have lost managers at an alarming rate, have now lost infielder Rene Gonzales, their most consis-

tent player. He was put on the 15-day disabled list Wednesday, his left forearm broken by a pitch in Tuesday night's game against the Brewers. He was hitting .368 in August. ing his team-leading RBI total to 74 with a bases-loaded single and a bases-loaded double. That gave him a five-RBI game to go with the six-RBI effort and two four-RBI showings he has already had this

Brady Anderson got Baltimore going with a two-run homer in the third inning. Cal Ripken, Glenn Davis, Randy Milligan and Jeff Tackett each got two hits, and Joe Orsulak drove in three runs.

Key yielded eight hits and five runs over the first 3½ innings, and Timlin allowed six hits and five runs the following 3% innin

Baltimore starter Ben McDonald was the beneficiary of all that support. He gave up nine hits and four runs, three earned, over 7% innings, and he served up homers to Devon White and Joe Carter, But McDonald got his club-high 12th victory anyway, winning for the fourth time in five decisions since the All-Star break.

The slumping Key, in contrast, has been a large part of Toronto's recent pitching problems.

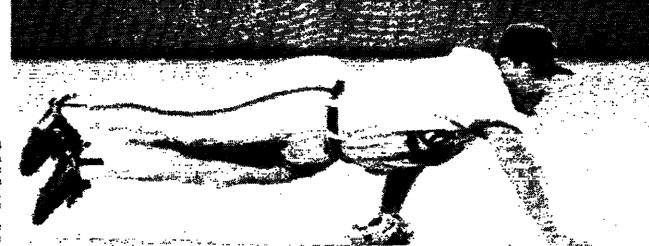
The Blue Jays had a team

earned-run average of 3.63 at the All-Star break. But even before Wednesday night's game it had been 5.05 since — the biggest reason Toronto was just 13-13 over that span. Then Key's poor effort left the Blue Jays' starters with a 9.50 ERA for the last 10 games.

He retired the first eight batters he faced, with but one hard-hit ball in the bunch. It then got ugly, how-ever, as the Orioles sent 23 batters to the plate in innings three through five alone, getting 10 runs and 12 hits in that stretch.

■ In other games, The Associated Press reported:

Athletics 2, White Sox 1: In Oakland, Rickey Henderson started the game with a home run and ended it with a sacrifice fly to beat Chicago. Four Oakland pitchers limited the White Sox to eight hits and stopped Lance Johnson's 25-game hitting streak, the longest in the major leagues since Brian Harper



Leo Gomez, the Orioles' third baseman, got a good look at his error on a grounder in the third, but by that time the Blue Jays were already falling apart.

Brady Anderson got it going with a two-run homer in the third.

d a 25-game streak in 1990. Johnson hit into two double plays and was walked twice, the last time

Rangers 5, Twins 3: Juan Gonzalez smashed his way out of a month-long funk with a three-run homer as a pinch-hitter in the ninth inning in Minneapolis.

The homer made Kevin Brown, at 16-7, the AL's victory leader, ended Texas's three-game losing streak and dropped Minnesota three games behind West-leading

Yankees 10, Tigers 0: Scott Sanderson and Rich Monteleone combined on a two-hitter, and Charlie Haves. Roberto Kelly and Matt

Nokes each hit two-run homers as New York won in Detroit.

Angels 2, Brewers 1: Mark Langston and Joe Grahe combined on a two-hitter, and Junior Felix ho-

mered as California completed a three-game sweep of visiting Mil-Mariners 6, Royals 3: Ken Griffey Jr. hit a two-run homer as Seatthe beat visiting Kansas City. Dave Fleming (13-7), who leads major league rookies in victories, posted

Boston in Cleveland.

his first since July 28 by striking out six while giving up eight hits. Inches 8, Red Sox 5: Pinch-hitter Brook Jacoby's two-run single capped a five-run seventh that beat

The Hungaroring of Mansell Chasing a Title on the Track of Bad Memories

BUDAPEST - The greatest day in Nigel

Mansell's motor racing career could dawn this weekend at a circuit that holds few fond memories for him. Although the British Formula One driver

won at the Hungaroring with Ferrari in 1989, it was in 1987, when he had a real chance at the title, that he was forced to retire while The Williams driver has won eight out of

O races this season and will clinch the title if he wins Sunday.

The main obstacles to him securing his first title will be the tension of the occasion and his rivals on one of the most difficult racing

circuits on the calendar.

Victory will make him the first British champion since James Hunt in 1976 and the earliest since Jackie Stewart made sure of his 1971 championship in Austria on Aug. 15. A ninth win would establish a record for Mansell as the man with the most victories in

The current record is eight, which he shares with the defending world champion, Ayrton

Mansell may not find his route to success as easy on the slow, twisting and often slip-pery 3.968 kilometers (2.466 miles) of Hungaroring circuit as he has on the other tracks

Grid positions are crucial on a circuit with

limited overtaking possibilities while the expected introduction of new suspension by Senna's McLaren team could give Mansell

more of a challenge than before.

The effects of newly introduced stringent fuel rulings will also play a part in the pro-

Last season, when Mansell was generally out-racing Senna, he found he could not overhaul him at the Hungaroring as the Brazilian took pole position and made the best

Mansell leads the championship with 86 points and his only realistic rival for the title is teammate Riccardo Patrese, with 46 points. Victory for the Briton could also seal the constructors' title for the Renault-powered

The Briton, ever cautious off the track, has so far refused to be drawn out on his chances of landing the title he missed out on so narrowly in 1986, 1987 and 1991.

After winning in Germany three weeks ago, he said: "The team did a magnificent job and I am happy, but I refuse to even talk about the char "We shall now just have to wait for Hunga-

Apart from Patrese, Mansell's chief threat is likely to come from Senna and his McLaren teammate, Gerhard Berger, and the Benet-tons of Germans Michael Schumacher and

Expos Keep Heat on Bucs

Pitching, timely hitting and defense are what all managers want. Felipe Alou has been getting them from the Montreal Expos.

Capping a three-game series sweep of the Cubs with a 3-1 victory Wednesday in Chicago, the Expos stayed 2½ games begin first-place Fitusburgh in the National League East.

The Expos Chris Nabholz allowed just three bits street and fitus and nother accounts.

hits, struck out five and walked one after rain delayed the start of the game for 2 hours, 10

With Tim Wallach on base with a single, Gary Carter hit a home run in the sixth to push

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the Expos ahead, 2-1. They got an insurance run in the eighth, when Larry Walker singled and scored on John Vander Wal's triple. Carter, a veteran catcher picked up on waiv-

Carter, a veteran catcher picked up on waivers after spending last year with the Los Angeles Dodgers, said he had a "good feeling."
"Montreal is a club capable of winning it,"
Carter said. "This was a big game for us. Nabholz was on top of his game. His sinker was working and I wasn't afraid to call it. Most of

the Cubs were pounding it into the ground."

Nabholz retired 15 in a row until Ryne Sandberg reached base on a single to left with one out in the ninth. Then Grissom shagged down a drive by Mark Grace for the second out.

At that point, Alon went to the bullpen and called for Mel Rojas to face Andre Dawson. Rojas got Dawson to ground into a force out on the first pitch to record his ninth save.

Pirates 7, Mets 6: In New York, Jay Beil tripled bome the go-ahead run off John Franco in the 10th as Pittsburgh won for the 12th time

The Mets lost for the eighth time in nine

games, and also lost another player: Second baseman Willie Randolph's left wrist was fractured by a pitch in the seventh inning. He will be out for four to six weeks. The Mets loaded the bases in the 10th, but Eddie Murray flied to center for the third out.

Reds 3, Dodgers 2: Joe Oliver hit a three-run homer to beat Los Angeles as Cinciunati, playing at home, closed to 3½ games of first-place.
Atlanta in the West when the Braves' game with San Diego was rained out. The Dodgers' starter, Kevin Gross, took a

no-hitter into the lifth inning. But after Glenn Braggs struck out, Jeff Branson lined a 2-2 pitch to right for a single. Dave Martinez singled to left-center before Oliver hit a 3-0 pitch

for his eighth homer of the season.

Cardinals 3, Philies 2: Ray Lankford's RBL single in the 10th gave St. Louis a victory in Philadelphia.

Astros 5, Giants 4: Jeff Bagwell's RBI single in the 10th gave Houston its victory in San

BOOKS

THE EMPEROR'S LAST IS-LAND: A Journey to St. Helena

By Julia Blackburn. 277 pages. \$22. Pantheon Books, 201 East 50th Street, New York, New York 10022.

Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

46TT OW far is St. Helena from the J field of Waterloo?" wrote Rud-yard Kipling. "A near way — a clear way — the ship will take you soon. / A pleasant place for gentlemen with little

The image of Napoléon Bonaparte, em-peror of France and conqueror of Europe, dethroned and exiled after his defeat at Waterloo to a tiny island in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, brings to mind his own observation that "from the sublime to the ridiculous there is only one step."

One pictures him fighting the insipid but relentless enemy named boredom, playing cards and chess, and puttering about the garden: a short, fat man, in Julia Blackburn's words, sitting "in a ramshackle house, hemmed in by the heat, the rain and the wind, by rats, by soldiers and

Dy government representatives." In recounting the story of Bonaparte's six years on St. Helena, Blackburn has written a marvelously eccentric and engaging book. Part biography, part travelogue, part history lesson. The Emperor's Last Island" is the sort of book

Bruce Chatwin might have written: It

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draws on a wealth of historical research (taken from letters, diaries and littleknown books) but imparts its erudition with insonciant charm.

Blackburn takes the reader on a meandering journey through Bonaparte's last years, pausing frequently to meditate on the history of St. Helena and her own adventures as a pilgrim to the island. We learn that the island was once a kind of demi-paradise. It lay undiscovered until 1502, when a Portuguese sailor named it after Helena, the mother of Emperor

Constantine the Great. Its first inhabitant, a Portuguese no-bleman by the name of Fernando Lopez, arrived 13 years later. Lopez, it seems. arrived 13 years later. Lopez, it seems, was returning home after a terrible ordeal: His right hand, left thumb, nose and ears had been amputated as punishment for treason. When his boat docked at St. Helena to replenish its supplies of water, he jumped ship and disappeared

into the woods. What this unfortunate Robinson Crusoe found was a congenial home. "The island was extremely benevolent," Blackburn writes. There were no wild animals here to harm him, no insects or reptiles to

bite him, no diseases to sap his strength."

Over the next three centuries, Lopez's casis underwent a sea change. Settlers came, and with them flies, rats, fleas and poisonous spiders. By the time Bonaparte set foot on St. Helena in 1815, Blackburn writes, "the eastern side of the island had been turned into a barren plain where nothing grew except for a few straggling gumwood trees, which

provided no shade and were not even By Alan Truscott good food for goats."

Bonaparte's arrival disrupted life on St. Helena even further. The tiny island was suddenly inundated by strangers: 2,000 soldiers were imported from England, along with government officials and their families, servants and assistants.

Bonaparte was accompanied by a retiof his own: several anstocratic offiexile, a cook, a pastry cook, a groom, two personal valets and other assorted servants. "All these men and women behaved as if they were still members of a large court," Blackburn writes."

Appearances were meticulously kept up. In the converted cattle barn that was to become Bonaparte's new home, a silver washstand and golden snuffboxes were set up. Green taffeta curtains were hung around the ex-emperor's bed, and fine Sèvres china was set out for meals.

exile. "This island is too small for me," he complained. "Everything breathes a mortal boredom here." Five years after arriving on St. Helena, he fell ill, and six months later, he was

Bonaparte did not grow accustomed to

"The Emperor's Last Island" not only makes a bittersweet coda to the vast body of Napoléonic studies; it should

also surprise and delight anyone who

enjoys a good story, finely told.

Michiko Kakutoni is on the staff of The New York Times.

BRIDGE

find a very difficult defensive play against six spades on the diagram deal.

She sat West after the auction shown,

and began well by leading the diamond ace. She then continued with a diamond,

The declarer was Victor Mitchell, who

now brought home the slam. He threw a

club on the diamond king, cashed the ace-queen of spades and the heart king.

He then crossed to the spade king and

played top hearts. A heart ruff then set

up his 12th trick without any need for a

The post-mortem revealed that a club

shift would have defeated the siam, by

removing the club ace from the dummy before South can unblock the heart king.

The declarer would then have many

chances, but they would all fail. East had

hinted at a club shift by playing the diamond three on the first trick, but it

was not at all easy to see that a club play

At another table the slam was made when West led a club immediately, with-

out cashing the diamond ace. South was

then able to dispose of his diamond loser

on dummy's hearts and eventually sur-

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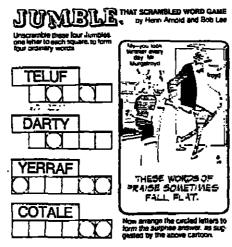


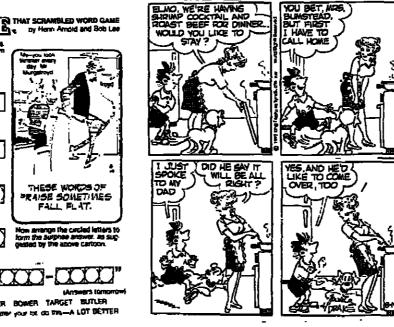


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GLESS THATS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUR SKIN KEEPS GROWIN' AND YOUR CLOTHES DON'T





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Arnold Paimer, at age 62, was still a crowd favorite in his record 35th start at the PGA Championship. But he hinted he may not play many more. "Oh, I'll play golf as long as I live," he said. "I don't know how long I'll be able to play competitive, tournament golf."

NFL: Bigger Is Better in Berlin

A group of large men bring this city to a halt. Bureaucrase in buriages BERLIN — It happens every August. reaucrats in business suits gawk at the casually clad visitors. Drivers stop and stare. Youngsters come running for autographs. The National Football League is back in

But while the mammoth linemen draw attention from Berliners, the smaller guys they are paid to protect - or in some cases, destroy --- enjoy a brief period of anonymity.

"It's great not to be stared at," said John Elway, the star quarterback of the Denver Broncos, who has not enjoyed such a lack of attention since high school. "Here, they look at you and look away because they don't

Williams May Have

SIDELINES

Irregular Heartbeat

REDONDO BEACH, California (LAT) —

Brian Williams, a 1991 first-round pick of the NBA Orlando Magic, was in stable condition Wednesday night at South Bay Medical Center and Hospital in Redondo Beach after collaps-

ing during a summer league basketball game. Williams, a star at the University of Arizona.

was undergoing a series of tests to determine why he collapsed Tuesday.

The family is not allowing any information to be released about his condition. But a source close to the family said that the focal point of the testing is his heart. The Orlando Sentinel, in

Thursday's editions, quoted an unnamed

source as saying the diagnosis was an irregular heartbeat. Wednesday evening, Williams was moved to the floor on which the cardiac care unit is located. But his condition was not

LONDON (Reuters) — An elite group of middle distance runners, including Kenya's Olympic 800-meter champion William Tanui,

will run in Edinburgh's Princes Street Mile on

European champion Jens-Peter Herold of Germany, Morocco's Olympic 1,500-meter silver medalist, Rachid El-Basir, Qatar's bronze

medalist, Mohammed Suleiman; and Steve

Cram of Britain the world mile record holder,

are also scheduled to take part. Said Aouita, Morocco's world record bolder at 1,500 meters,

The women's race will feature Olympic 800-

meter gold medalist Ellen van Langlen of the

Netherlands and 1,500-meter silver medalist

Lyudmila Rogachova from the Commonwealth

will run if fit.

of Independent States

Sept. 13, organizers announced Thursday.

thought to be life threatening.

Elite Field Expected

For Edinburgh Mile

American Football John Elway's Broncos are in Berlin to play the Miami Dolphins in a preseason game Saturday. It is the third consecutive year the NFL has hosted an exhibition contest in the

Frankfurt Galaxy of the World League of

once-divided city. The Broncos and Dolphins are old hands at this. Denver lost to the Los Angeles Rams in London in 1987 and defeated the Seattle Seahawks two years ago in Tokyo. Miami beat the San Francisco 49ers in London in 1988 and the Los Angeles Raiders last year in

Tokyo. As the Dolphins' coach, Don Shula, said: "Well, it was a long trip, but not as long as

Tokyo was last year. NFL officials said that more than 40,000 tickets had been sold as of Wednesday for the Germany as his father, Jack, who coaches the game in the 70,000-seat Olympic stadium.

Redskins Trade Humphries to Chargers

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON - The Super Bowl champion Washington Redskins, here to play the 49ers in an exhibition game Sunday, on Thursday traded backup quarterback Stan Humphries to the San Diego Charges.

If Humphries takes at least half the snaps in the upcoming season, the Redskins will get a third-round pick. Otherwise, the selection will be from the fourth round.

John Friesz, the Chargers' starter last year, was lost for the season with a knee injury in an exhibition game last Saturday night. He underwent surgery on Monday.

Humphries took a flight out of London on Thursday, the day after arriving with the

Their starting quarterback, Mark Rypien, had arrived far richer after signing of the largest contract in team history, worth \$13.4 million or more over the next four seasons.

The plane had been delayed an hour. A flight attendant had dumped the chicken dinner across his chest. The buses ferrying the Redskins and their wives into the city from Gatwick Airport had been stock in traffic almost two hours.

But he was looking poorly.

As he stepped into the cool, rainy morning and saw the minicams and photographers and notepads awaiting him, he grimaced. His eyes had raccoon circles, his hair was matted onto his forehead and some of the misolaced dinner remained on his shirt. (AP, WP)

Sauers Shoots Course-Record 67

The Associated Press ST. LOUIS, Missouri - Gene Sauers shot a course-record 4-under-par 67 Thursday to take
the first round lead in the 74th PGA ChampiThe adventures of Faldo and

Sauers, winner of two tournaments and more than \$2 million in his six-year career, went out in 3-under-par 33 and came back in 34 without a bogey.

Sauers won the 1986 Bank of Boston Classic

Ones: He lost in a

and the 1989 Hawaiian Open. He lost in a playoff this year at the Bob Hope Classic and was second at the Nestle Invitational. Kel Nagle and Ray Floyd shared the Beller-

ive Country Club record with 68s in the 1965 "I wasn't aware it was a course record,"

Sauers said. "That makes it nice particularly on a course this tough. We were lucky playing a course into tough. We were nicky playing early in the morning before the wind got up."

British Open champion Nick Faldo overcame a staggering start to rally with a 68.

Masters champion Fred Couples posted a 69 and U.S. Open champion Tom Kite, saddled with a double-bogey 7 on the 17th hole, staggered home with a 73.

Defending champion John Daly who went

Defending champion John Daly, who went from last alternate to the popular champion last year at Crooked Stick, started slowly with a 38 on the front, then bogeyed the 11th hole.

Brian Clear and Bob Estes, playing in the same group, unleashed an early birdie barrage on Bellerive's rough-infested 7,148-yard (6,536-

meter) layout. "It was as easy as you'll ever see Bellerive play," Claar said. "If you can hit the fairways

you can beat the course."

Claar, the first alternate, birdied the first three holes and shot a 68, and as did Jay Don Blake, Playing partner Estes shot a 69.
Faldo and Couples played the first hole like hackers but rallied later in the round.

The key to Faldo's round was a 50-foot (15meter) birdie putt he made on the 381-yard, par-4 No. 7. He also made a 30-footer for birdie on the 222-yard, par-3 No. 16.
Faldo has won five majors but never won

PGA or the U.S. Open. "That's what I want to do," Faldo said. "I'm just going to keep on scrambling."

grass on the first hole would give heart to a 100

Using 3-woods on the 434-yard, par-4 hole, both did what they were trying to avoid.

Faldo hooked his drive into deep rough. He had to stand in a bunker to hit his second shot, which he hooked into more rough short of the green. His third shot found a bunker. He got the ball up-and-down for a bogey.

After Faldo birdied the seventh, he knocked

Clear was PGA rookie of the year in 1986.
His best tournament was second place at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.
The adventures of Faldo and Couples in the four-inch (10-centimeter) deep Kentucky bluegrass on the first hole would give heart to a 100.

In a short putt for birdie on the 581-yard, par-5 No. 8 to finish with a 35 on the front.
Couples hooked his tee shot, chipped out short of the green, put his third shot 10 feet away and missed the putt on the first hole.

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Couples hooked his tee shot, chipped out short of the green, put his third shot 10 feet away and missed the putt on the first hole.

He came back with a birdie on the second hole, then triple-bogeyed the water-bordered 165-yard No. 3. However, Couples then birdied Nos. 5, 8 and 9 to charge back to even par.

Kite butchered the 536-yard, par-5 No. 17.
He hit his second charing the matter misched on He hit his second shot in the water, pitched on

and three putted. The weather was almost ideal for low-scoring with mild temperatures and a light wind out of the north.

Yin and Yang: The 2 Seeking No. 1

By Jaime Diaz New York Times Service

ST. LOUIS, Missouri - As the year's final major tournament, the PGA Championship is most attractive as a battle among a select few to win the official stamp as the best player of 1992. This year's elite are Fred Couples, winner of the Masters; Nick Faldo, the British Open champion; Tom Kite, the U.S. Open champion, and Davis Love, a three-time winner. Their edge is so clearcut that the PGA of America, showing admirable stage presence, made Couples, Faldo and Kite a threesome for the first two rounds.

But unless Kite or Love win this week, no one will be able to outdo what Faldo and Couples have accomplished this year.

As the winner of three U.S. events, including Augusta's, and currently the leading money winner on the PGA Tour, Couples was the dominant player in the first half of the year.

Faldo, winner of three of his last five tournaments, including his dramatic victory at Muirfield, and the leading money winner on the European Tour, has clearly been the world's best in the second half. He has overtaken Couples as the No. 1 player on the Sony Ranking. Indeed, the 32-year-old American and the 35-year-old Englishman are like two halves of the complete player: golf's yin and yang.

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Couples is perhaps the most naturally graceful top player in the world, Faldo is the most mechanical. Couples's strengths are power and improvisation, Faldo's are precision and re-

Couples is great recovering from trouble, Faldo never seems to leave the fairway.

Outwardly, Couples is among the most relaxed of competitors; Faldo is one of the most intense. Couples is reticent in interviews, Faldo is glib and opinionated. Couples values being one of the boys, Faldo is close to no one.

But the biggest difference might be in their attitude to being No. 1: Faldo wants it with all his heart. Couples, to all appearances, doesn't.

Couples, since winning the Masters, has taken several weeks off from competition, avoided the press and generally allowed his game to lose its edge. Faldo has gone about his craft the oldfashioned way.

He is obsessed with improving every facet of his game. He gears his schedule around the major championships. He eschews focus-di-verting opportunities for easy money. In short, he plays for history.

"You can't deny the fact that Nick wants to be a champion," Lee Trevino said the day Faldo was coming down the stretch at Mainfield.

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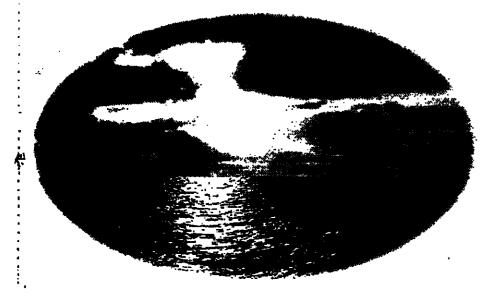
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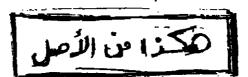
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A Preacher Is Lost

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — Putting Mi-chael Milken in prison was outrageous. He was just another finagler, after all. The financial world abounds in financial has, always will. They go with the territory, as fixed wheels, stacked decks and loaded dice go with casi-DO Sports.

Of course Milken's killing had been just too, too big. To put it another way, he was not as brilliant as Wall Street fans made him out to be, because raking in dollars by the billion was bound to start envy's poisonous juices bubbling and boiling. A brilliant finagler would have known when to stop. Not Mil-

lions! He's a disgrace to the button-down brotherhood of well-bred finaglers. So immodest. So gross."

If you were the kind of finagler who came out of the big Reagan hog roast of the 1980s with a mere, discreet handful of millions. Milken's billions offended your sense of decorum. A guy that greedy he could scare the suckers out of the markets for a generation, could ruin the thing for everybody.

Not to mention that for anybody to get that rich that fast was not just disgusting, it was enough to make your blood boil. He came to trial in the worst of times: Reagan's goodtime grin gone, the big hog roast over, the whole country working on the worst national hangover since 1930, everybody enraged by the excesses that had been so delightful

during the delicious squandering of the nation's wealth. By unholy Moloch's toe, somebody had to pay for that hangover. And there was Milken at the bar of justice, or at least the bar of envy, charged with finaglings so inge-nious, so complicated you couldn't begin to understand them. Government lawyers said they were monstrous. Maybe they were. As monstrous as the savings and loan debacle produced by White House and congressional finaglers? Hey, don't change the subject. The judge

gave Milken 10 years. That was in 1990. Now the sentencing judge has cut the 10 years Milken cooperating with prosecu-tors to nail other imagiers, as he

the point of putting people like them on rock piles or canning them in sealed rooms at immense cost to the public? Somebody with a computer has discovered that the cost of federal prison per jailbird exceeds the cost of a Yale education. Economically, it would make more sense to sentence Milken to Yale Divinity School to study morality.

His case dramatizes the silliness of the American theory of prison. Except for prison bureaucrats on the public payroll nobody believes Where's that guy get off any-how? Billions he's making. Bil-ic its money's worth in rehabilita-tion.

> But what about the famous deterrent effect? People say we've got to make an example of Milken. "All right, you Wall Street wise guys, see what Milken got? Ten years listening to doors clang. You want a dose of that, just try some of your filthy finagling!"

> Anybody here seriously believe this will stop another Milken, another Boesky, a thousand little bush-league Milkens and Boeskys from having a crack at the big bucks? Come on, optimists: we are talking the get-rich-quick gland, which is the answer to the question, "Why, in spite of all the embezzlers already in jail, does humanity keep on robbing the till?"

There's also the practical side. The big market jailbirds often come out, even after paying big fines, with the wealth of the Indies squirreled away. Boesky is said to be living a princely existence on the fortune left after he paid his multimillion debt to society, and there are varying guesses about how many billions remain at Milken's

If the law's goal were punishment, it wouldn't bother with prison but simply seize every last sou our Milkens and Boeskys had and leave them to use their wits to survive. Yes, they'd probably have to go on welfare for a while, but welfare is cheaper than a year at Yale,

Recession and Cold Days Batter Blackpool

By William E. Schmidt

New York Times Service

B LACKPOOL, England — The harsh
wind off the Irish Sea had scattered beachgoers along the shore like clumps of seawood thrown up by the tide. Hats pressed to their temples, windbreakers zipped to the neck, they squatted low on the damp sand and stared at the snarling sea, passing another midsummer's afternoon on the northern England coast.

"It's a Blackpool day, it is," Shirley Wright of West Yorkshire said as she hunkered down beside the stone seawall that separates the foaming surf from Blackpool's noisy midway of souvenir shops, tourist arcades and amusement rides. She has been here before and says she is used to the weather by now.

The winds and thick overcast make the air feel like 50 degrees Fahrenheit (10 degrees centigrade), even though the temperature is in the cool-enough mid-60s Fahrenheit. August or not, sweaters and jackets are needed.

But, in Blackpool and elsewhere more than just Britain's usual unpredictable seaside weather is putting a chill on the sum-mer vacation season this year. The recession and hard times are cutting sharply into the number of visitors, driving many businesses and hotels to the brink of bank-

With unemployment in Britain at nearly three million, the highest ever, resorts like Bournemouth and Brighton, along the southern coast, have watched helplessly while the number of vacation visitors has plummeted more than 30 percent from last

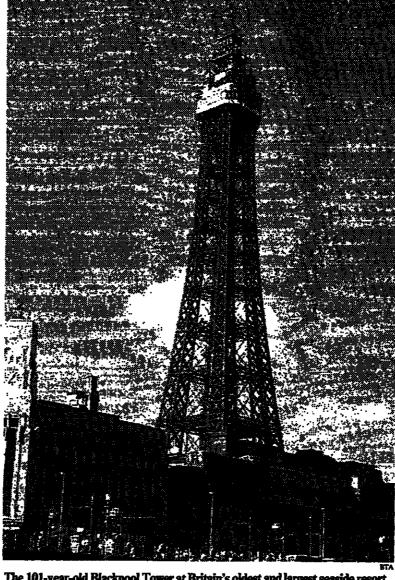
Here in Blackpool, the oldest and largest of Britain's seaside resorts, times are not quite so tough. Officially, government tourist receipts are down just 7 percent from a year ago.
Still, taxi drivers and hotel owners and

local business people are complaining about what they call the hardest season in "Twe been on the beach 29 years and it seems like it's gone completely quiet this year," said Brian Hobbs, a sunburned man n a wool cap who leads tourists on surf-

side donkey rides, one of Blackpool's old-est amusements. "A lot of people just aren't coming, and them that's here aren't buying."

Blackpool has seen the good and the bad before. A product of the Industrial Revolution, it was one of the world's first blue-collar resorts, a relentlessly brash seven-mile (11-kilometer) honky-tonk strip of tumbledown Victorian architecture and bawdy T-shirt stands, fortune tellers and Ferris wheels, ice-cream ven-

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where vendors peddling sticks of jaw-breaking candy called Blackpool rock. With three steel piers jutting out into the surf, along a seascape dominated by the 101-year-old Biackpool Tower, Blackpool has been the traditional vacation getwaway for the armies of factory hands

than a century. Many of those factories are gone now, but Blackpool still draws an estimated 9 million to 10 million people a year, includ-

of England's industrial north for more

ing visitors to trade shows and political conventions. (The Labor Party will hold its annual party conference here this fall). For most visitors, the main attraction used to be the sea. Now it's Blackpool's wide variety of oceanfront entertainments, from aquariums and discotheques to Pleasure Beach, an amusement park that includes the world's largest collection of wood-stanchioned roller coasters.

There are also cavernous pierside auditoriums that are filled summer nights with holiday revelers who come to how at the antics of comics like Russ Abbot, a popular British television performer.

In the summer, Abbot performs twice a night at the end of Blackpool's North Pier, the star of a vandeville-style review that includes scantily clad dancers, a man who juggles cannonballs and a generous serving of homegrown British humor. ("If smoking is so bad," Abbot asks his audience in one skit, "then tell me this: how come it cures kippers?")

In London and the urban centers of the south, Blackpool is often the butt of a geographical joke, a universal metaphor for bad taste and common vulgarity.

"But to complain that Blackpool is tacky, shoddy, common and vulgar is to miss the point," Frank Barrett wrote in a review in The Independent last year. "This is what attracts people to Blackpool in their millions every year — the loudness and tackiness is what they like best." They also like the cheapness, or what

for money." The average price a night among the salt-sprayed two-story hotels that line the seaside promenade is less than \$32, breakfast included. A fish and chip meal at a seaside place is less than \$3. In a way, Blackpool's least popular feature these days is the sea itself, a point that was underscored this year when the Euro-

local tourism officials describe as "value

pean Commission said the resort's beaches were among the most polluted in Britain. But few visitors actually go swimming in Blackpool; more popular is a giant indoor water park built along the seafront, overlooking the beaches.

At the local tourist office, Barry Morris, the director, said he reasoned that gray weather was actually the best weather for Blackpool. Cool and cloudy days chase people away from the seaside, he said, and into the amusement parks and museums and shows that crowd Blackpool's prome-

"When the weather is poor, people have to spend their way out of trouble," Morris

But even gloomy weather isn't working its usual magic this summer in Blackpool, where the limp British economy is taking its toll, too. And though the government's economists insist the economy is improving, there are others in Blackpool who say they are wrong.
"I don't see any improvement in the

economy for the next six months at least," said a fortune teller who calls herself Mantalena and works in the Royal Gipsy, a curtained booth along the promenade that advertises palm and tarot card readings.

How can she be sure? "The crystal ball," she said, "never lies."

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TV to Pay \$20 Million For Jackson Concert

Michael Jackson is hitting new heights for financial deals: \$20 milriome Box Office, which will carry
the show, would not confirm the
terms of its agreement with Jackson, but music industry executives
said the form son, but music industry executives said the figure would be the largest financial deal for a concert performance on TV. The two-hour broadcast—the first time that a full-length concert by Jackson has been televised — will mark the end of the Enropean leg of Jackson's "Dangerous" tour, which began on June 27 in Munich.

Ticket sales have gone up 20 per-cent since Maria Maples made her Broadway debut in "The Will Rog-ers Follies." Maples told USA Today she hesitated before taking the role because she knew people might think her boyfriend. Donald

Trump, helped her get it. "There's no way! There's a \$7 million production at stake!" she said. A huge painting of a heroic-look-ing Richard Nixon visiting the Hungarian border after the Soviet

crackdown in 1956 has been added to the Richard Nixon Library & Birthplace at Yorba Linda, California "Nixon at Andau" by the Hungarian-American artist Ferenc Daday depicts Nixon, then the vice president, greeting Hungarian refugees at the Austrian town.

The critical bashing that Paul McCartney took in some quarters for his "Liverpool Oratorio" has not deterred him from continuing his flirtation with orchestral music. Carl Davis, McCartney's collaborator on the oratorio, included the premiere of a brief new symphonic work, "Appaloosa," when he conducted the Boston Pops in a tribute to McCartney.

Marvin M. Mitchelson, the palimony lawyer to the celebrities, has been indicted on four counts of filing false tax returns from 1983 to 1986. The indicament alleges that -Mitchelson, 64, reported gross reccipts and sales of \$1 million to \$1.5 million for each of those years and net profits of \$179,000 to more than \$266,000. The actual figures were "substantially higher." according to the indictment.

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